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Today's Times Portfolio prize moves to £6,000, because no-one won yesterday or the day before. Portfolio list page 24; how to play, Information Service, back page.
On Saturday the weekly prize will be £40,000 – double the usual sum, because there was no weekly prizewinner last week. In addition there will be the daily £2,000, making a total of £42,000.

Israelis pull back in Lebanon

Israel completed its second-phase withdrawal from south-east Lebanon yesterday, but *reports that Israeli troops* were ready to quit the Tyre area were contradicted by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, who said no more redeployment was planned in the near future.
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Mother's regret

Princess Michael of Kent's mother said that she regretted having kept her first husband's Nazi past secret from their daughter
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Liverpool win

Liverpool reached their fifth European Cup final in eight years when they beat Panathinaikos, of Greece, 1-0, winning *5-0 on aggregate. They will play* Juventus, of Italy in the final.

The Times

Sales of *The Times* have risen by 32 per cent, an increase of 120,277 copies, since March last year. Between last October and March this year sales rose by 8.4 per cent to 496,283, the biggest percentage gain among national daily papers, according to the most recent figures issued by the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

In the same period sales of the *Daily Telegraph* fell by 0.26 per cent, those of the *Financial Times* rose by 6.2 per cent and those of *The Guardian* increased by 2.5 per cent.

Sales figures

Paper	March 1985	October 1984
The Times	496,383	357,800
Daily Telegraph	1,230,127	1,233,323
Financial Times (UK sales)	180,134	169,562
The Guardian	500,552	488,135

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Tourists are bringing more and more prosperity into Britain. Today a four-page Special Report looks at Surrey University's world-famous department for students of tourism and hotel industries
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Kinnock condemns Militant-backed school strike call

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister, Mr Neil Kinnock, the TUC general council and a majority of Labour's national executive united in condemnation yesterday of todays' planned school *students' strike against Youth* Training Scheme "conscription."

But the Labour leadership's attempt to distance itself from the Militant-backed action was blunted. Mr Michael Meacher, a shadow cabinet member, joined *with Mr Tony Benn, Mr Eric* Heffer and Mr Dennis Skinner *in defence of the half-day strike,* which affects 48 towns and cities.

Mr Kinnock said in a statement to yesterday's national executive meeting *"that the kids are being* exploited by a bunch of dafties." He said it was irresponsible and Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour deputy leader, said it was squalid. They both used the word cynical to describe the manipulation of *school children for political* purposes.

The Prime Minister agreed. Mr Margaret Thatcher, *Commons reply to Mr David Alton,* Liberal MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill who has been campaigning against the strike, said: "I totally deplore and condemn this thoroughly mischievous attempt by left wing groups in Liverpool to hide behind children in expressing any concerns they may feel about the Youth Training Scheme."

But Mr Benn told the NEC that the party had to be identified with the strike, it was not enough to encourage school-children to listen to Billy Bragg protest songs.

Mr Benn joined with Mr Meacher and the hard core of left-wingers to vote against an emergency resolution from Mr Tom Sawyer, of the National Union of Public Employees, condemning the school strike and calling for a Labour inquiry *into its sponsors, the Youth* Trade Union Rights Committee, "clarifying its role within and relationship to the Labour Party".

The Young Socialists and Militant Tendency support the committee and Mr Kinnock *and his colleagues fear a* damaging public reaction to the Labour Party.

Labour's two Militant MPs, Mr Terry Fields, of Liverpool, Broadgreen, and Mr Dave Nellist, of Coventry South East, have been leading the strike *campaign the YTURC said last* night that they had contributed £40 a month each to the group *since 1983.*

Mr Tony Cocks said that the group had not called the strike, it had been called by the School Students' Action Committee, but had given support.

Mr Nellist is due to hold a Commons press conference with YTURC representatives this morning.

During the national executive debate, Mr Kinnock said: "The people who say that they can help youngsters and their terrible problems with strikes are more interested in their own delusions than in the kids' realities."

He also replied directly to Mr *Heffer, who had said that if* Labour did not harness the unrest of youth, then the National Front might step into the fight. Mr Kinnock said that the young were not "fascist fodder" and were swinging to Labour faster than any other *section in the community.*

He spoke of the public rejection of school protest and Mr Hattersley gave a warning that it was not only wrong but would rebound against Labour. That feeling was widespread *among mainstream Labour MPs in the Commons last night* who said that the party has a phenomenal ability to shoot itself in the foot whenever it begins to move up in the opinion polls.

Yesterday's action by the Commons leadership and *executive a clear attempt at* advance damage limitation.

● A statement issued after yesterday's TUC general council meeting condemned the strike as "quite improper and intended to exploit young people for political purposes" (David Felton writes).

The Youth Trade Union Rights Group, an offshoot of the Labour Party Young Socialists, had nothing to do with trade unions, Mr Norman Willis, general secretary, said.
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Sightseeing: The Princess of Wales in Florence yesterday. Impromptu kiss, page 6

Whitehall pay deters graduates

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

In an outspoken report yesterday on the failure of Whitehall to recruit enough bright university graduates, the Civil Service Commissioners said that the difficulty was inadequate pay.

Referring to the controversial appointment of the chairman of an armaments company to a top job in the Ministry of Defence, the commissioners also said that it was "essential that the principles of open competition and of selection on merit should govern such appointments".

Although the five commissioners, who owe their existence to mid-nineteenth-century scandals over patronage *in the Civil Service,* are notionally answerable to the Crown, not to politicians, they are generally very circumspect about government policy. But in this year's annual report they are directly critical.

It was widely rumoured that the First Civil Service Commissioner, Mr Dennis Trevelyan, considered resigning when ministers insisted on appointing Mr Peter Levene, chairman of United Scientific Holdings, a weapons manufacturing company, to the rank of permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence.

According to the commissioners, who organize examinations for recruits to the Civil Service, the pass mark has had to be lowered for some grades to ensure that enough people were available. For administration trainees there were fewer graduates appointed who had received the "very good" mark.

Research showed that some of the best candidates rejected offers of Civil Service jobs because other employers offered considerably more money.

In 1983 6,400 graduates applied to become Inspectors of Taxes; this fell to 3,400 last year.

The Government fell notably short of economic advisers because 25 vacancies attracted only 103 applications, from which 15 suitable candidates were appointed.

China buys 10 airliners from BAe

By Edward Townsend

China is to buy 10 British Aerospace 146 airliners – the Anglo-American-Swedish "whispering jet" in a £120 million deal announced yesterday.

The contract, the biggest aircraft deal between Britain and China since the Chinese bought 35 Tridents in the 1970s, was made public at a special flying display organized by BAe as a precursor to the sale of the Government's 48 per cent stake in the company.

More than 260 City of London stockbrokers and investors were invited to BAe's aerodrome at Dunsfold in Surrey to view the company's latest products. Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of BAe's said the prospectus and sale price would be published at the end of next week and share applications would have to be lodged by May 6. The Government is hoping to raise £600m from the sale.

The China deal is an important coup for BAe and comes after the Government's recent trade mission to China, led by lord Young, the Minister without Portfolio and Mrs Thatcher's "minister for jobs", who said: "It shows that when British goods are of the right quality and price there will be many willing buyers, not least in China, all helping to sustain and create employment in the UK."

The 146-100 airliner was taken on a two-week demonstration tour of China last year when the 86-seat aircraft visited 13 cities and demonstrated to the Chinese its abilities to service small airfields. The sales mission was backed by discussions during Lord Young's visit on sales of Harrier jump jets, Hawk jet trainers and missiles.

Last week it was announed that three Airbus A310 aircraft are to be bought by China. BAe has a 20 per cent stake in Airbus Industrie.

The 146 sale has been confirmed by the signing of a memorandum of understanding between BAe and the China Aviation Supplies Corporation (CASC). Delivery of the first aircraft *is* scheduled for June next year.

Britain's aerospace association with China began in 1961 with the sale of Viscount airlines.

The 146 is about 50 per cent British, with BAe's risk-sharing partners, Avco Lycoming of the United States (engines, wings, furnishings and avionics) and Saab of Sweden (tailplane) providing the remainder of the components.

The Chinese order will provide further job protection at BAe's plants at Filton in Bristol, Manchester, Brough Humberside, Chester, Hamble near Southampton, Weybridge in Surrey and Prestwick in Scotland.

Yesterday's air display included the first public demonstration of the BAe Skyhook, an elaborate crane which swings from the side of a ship above 3,000 tons to grip a hovering BAe Sea Harrier jump jet for refuelling or rearmament.

China has also placed an order worth about £5 million for mainframe and minicomputers from Groupe Bull, the Paris-based associate of Honeywell, the American computer manufacturer.

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Russians to free US woman held on trawler

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The Soviet Union has agreed to release an American fisheries observer aboard the Japanese fishing boat Fukoho Maru that it seized this week, the State Department announced last night.

The spokesman said that the release of the observer, Becky Kruppenbach, could take place in about 24 hours.

They said that a US coastguard cutter was now proceeding to the rendezvous to make the transfer.

Becky Kruppenbach is an official of the Commerce Department's national marine fisheries service.

The spokesman said that the Soviet Union had not yet specified why it had seized the Fukoho Maru. It may have been in retaliation for Japan's seizure of a Soviet fishing boat on April 18, the spokesman observed. Apparently the Soviet fishing boat was still being held.

The Japanese vessel was being taken to a Soviet port.

The 349-ton Fukoho Maru, with a crew of 22 and the observer was operating in waters about 180 nautical miles west of St Matthew Island, within the US 200-mile exclusive economic zone, according to a State Department spokesman.

Manufacturing decline deplored

Big business attack on Tory economics

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Two of Britain's leading industrialists, Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI, and Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, yesterday joined forces to produce one of the most critical attacks from big business on central elements of the Government's economic and industrial strategy, and philosophy, since the last election.

Their twin assault on Government attitudes and action, which will be seized upon by Opposition leaders to the embarrassment of Mrs Thatcher and senior ministers, centred on the decline of Britain's manufacturing industry, but ranged from the effect of cuts in education spending and overseas aid, to higher-than-inflation increases in rates and taxes.

The two captains of industry, who were appearing before a House of Lords select committee, also attacked the volatility of the exchange rate, ill-advised and thouhtless legislation, and individually implied that Britain's industrial strategy was subordinate to political considerations.

In one of the most stinging rebukes, Lord Weinstock ridiculed Government suggestions that the service industries would fill the gap left by the decline in manufacturing industry.

"What will the service industries be servicing when there is no hardware, when no wealth is being produced?" he said. "We will be come a little curiosity. I don't believe that is what Britain is about. It is absolute rubbish."

Naming towns like Wigan, in Lancashire, and Smethwick in the West Midlands, no tourist attraction, he queried how people would exist if there was



In harmony: Lord Weinstock (left) and Mr Harvey-Jones

no manufacturing industry. The services argument "simply won't do".

Looking back over the past 15 years, Lord Weinstock told fellow peers that the standard of management in industry had tended to improve, while "the standard of management in government has not."

Earlier, Mr Harvey-Jones, head of the world's fifth largest chemical firm, had said that the decline in British manufacturing industry and the consequent diminishing demands had
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Reagan may try again on Nicaragua

By Our Foreign Staff

Despite the swingeing defeat in the House of Representatives for President Reagan's plan to *give $14 million aid to* Nicaraguan rebels, the White House is persisting in its efforts to push through a compromise proposal.

A White House spokesman said yesterday: "A win is still within reach" for an alternative scheme of "non-lethal" assistance.

But the leader of the Senate Republican majority, Senator Robert Dole, said the $14 million plan was "dead" after its 68-vote rejection by the lower house.

He said action on any alternative would be delayed by at least a week by the battle over the Administration's 1986 budget proposals.

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'Politics' stop Royal ceremony

By Alan Hamilton

Princess Anne, who is Chancellor of London University, has withdrawn from a planned presentation ceremony on May 2 after being advised by the ministry that it could be politically embarrassing for her.

The Princess had originally agreed to attend the university students' union to present honorary live memberships of the union to a group of graduates, and to Mr Ken Livingstone, Labour leader of the Greater London Council, and Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of the imprisoned South African black rights leader, Nelson Mandela.

But the university authorities have warned her of the possible political interpretation that might be given to some of the awards, and she has acceded to their advice not to attend.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the decision had been made entirely on the advice of the university, and was not a personal choice by the Princess herself.

A spokesman for London University said yesterday: "The matter has been discussed between the university and the Princess's private secretary, and the Princess has been advised not to attend. There is a strict convention concerning the involvement of the Royal Family in any event that could be regarded as having political implications."

The spokesman said that any other senior official of the university, such as the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Randolph Quirk, who was
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Union chiefs call for vote delays

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Union leaders still to decided the timing of their ballots on maintenance of political funds, which are crucial to the financial health of the Labour Party, are pressing for delay to lessen the impact of the transport workers' election controversy.

A meeting yesterday of the *Transport and General* Workers' Union meets in emergency session this morning to hear an appeal from Mr Ron Todd, victor in last year's leadership election, that there should be a fresh ballot to remove the uncertainty caused by allegations of irregularities.

The 39-strong TGWU executive will have a full report on the 29 complaints of irregularities during the election which saw Mr Todd defeat Mr George Wright, the Welsh regional secretary, by the comparatively narrow margin of 45,000 votes.

Members will have an interim report on alleged ballot rigging in region one, the union's largest based in London and the Home Counties, which has been drawn up by Mr John John Garnett, director of the independent Industrial Society.

That report was described yesterday by unofficial sources as "no whitewash" and Mr Moss Evans, the outgoing TGWU general secretary, will also report.

Tax on art

Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, has been told by the Treasury that it will reconsider the £2 million limit on the acceptance of works of art and historic buildings in lieu of tax liability.

Car import curbs agreed

Japan has agreed to continue its voluntary restriction of car exports to the United Kingdom for another year at least.

This means the Japanese share of new car sales should not exceed the unofficial quota of 11 per cent.

The agreement has come after three days of talks between the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association and Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The two sides agreed that passenger car sales in Britain this year would total between 1.72 million and 1.77 million, with light commercial sales not exceeding 220,000.

A joint communiqué, said the Japanese, would "bear in mind for the time being the bottom end of the ranges" in planning *shipments for 1985. This was* subject to review of market change.

In the year to the end of March, Japan produced a record 11.9 million vehicles, a 3.4 per cent increase on the 11.21 million made the pre*vious year.*

Jama said exports rose 7.7 per cent to 6.13 million vehicles, the best since the record of 6.15 million five years ago.

It said 7.14 million cars, 4.36 million trucks and 81,050 buses were made in the year just ended.

Joseph backing on maths

Proposals for wide changes in maths education were welcomed yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education.

And in a Commons written reply, he disclosed plans to implement changes in schools on the lines recommended by the Cockcroft committee, which will mean appointing 350 maths advisers and teachers.

Commenting on the discussion paper by school inspectors, *Mathematics from five to 16* Sir Keith said: "We commend it for the consideration of all those concerned with the development of children's competence
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Livingstone uses poll to pep up fight

By Hugh Clayton.

A familiar London landmark changed abruptly yesterday when the Greater London Council published results of a four-month-old £90,000 opinion poll about its future. Until yesterday the large sign facing *the Houses of Parliament from* the top of the council's headquarters said: "74 per cent of Londoners oppose abolition."

Now it says: "77 per cent of Londoners want an inquiry." The 74 per cent figure was based on a Harris poll published six months ago. Before Christmas the Labour-led council commissioned Harris to undertake a "mega-poll" of more than 20,000 people across London.

That poll, published for the first time yesterday, showed that the number of people opposed to the Government's plan to abolish the council next year had dropped to 61 per cent. A Harris poll of 1,007 people taken a fortnight ago produced a 63 per cent fugure.

Mr Ken Livingstone, the GLC's Labour leader, said yesterday that the polls should terrify Conservative politicians throughout the capital. A section of the "mega-poll" about voting intentions showed that Labour would win in the Prime Minister's Finchley constituency if a general election were held immediately.

The poll also suggested that Labour would capture many Conservative-led bourough councils in elections due next year. "How many Red Teds and Red Keos are waiting to *bubble to the surface?" Mr* Livingstone asked.

Mr Tony Wilson, the council's director of publicity, said the "mega-poll" results would have been published months ago but for sampling delays caused by the Christmas holiday and coulrt cases over council spending.

Mr Livingstone said the poll results had been obscured by other events at County Hall. "Members' attentions were not really on opinion polls. They were too busy stabbing each other in the back."

The poll taken a fortnight ago about voting intentions in an immediate general election gives Labour 49 per cent in London, the Conservatives 28 per cent and the Alliance 22 per cent.

Harris said the median figures for comparable polls taken nationally in March were 38 per cent for Labour, 36 per cent for the Conservatives and 24 per cent for the Alliance.



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Earnings related pensions at risk in Cabinet review of welfare state

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Cabinet meets today to decide on the future shape of the welfare state.

Key decisions it will consider are whether to scrap the State Earnings Related Pensions Scheme, on which 11 million workers rely for a higher pension in old age, and whether to move towards a "safety net" system for those in greatest need, in which fewer benefits will be paid as of right, and more will be means-tested.

If agreement is reached, the proposals are expected to be published next month in a "White Paper with green edges".

A social security Bill would then be introduced in November and is likely to propose further big cuts in housing benefit, aim to abolish the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) from April 1978, introduce a new "family credit" or "family premium" for low-paid workers and the unemployed with families, and simplify supplementary payments, while abolishing most single payments and extra allowances.

Treasury hopes that the social security reviews launched a year ago by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, would yield savings of between £2 billion and £4 billion look unlikely to be fulfilled. Savings of up to £1 billion are possible in the short term, however.

Among the key proposals which are believed to have emerged are:

Pensions: Ending the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme which by 1998 would provide those on average earnings with a pension about half that level, and roughly double that provided by the basic state pension. Those now in the scheme would have their rights protected, but after that employees would have to enter occupational schemes or private pension arrangements, with legislation to allow personal portable pensions to be included in the package.

Housing Benefits: Cuts totalling perhaps £750 million. These would come from paying housing benefit at a lower point in the income scale to those in work and many pensioners, and including the rate at which benefit is withdrawn as income rises. Those on supplementary benefit, whose housing costs are now met in full, may be expected to meet part of their rate bill, and even some of their rent.

Supplementary Benefit: The abolition of weekly one-off payments for items such as furniture, cookers and linen. Weekly additions for heating, diet, laundry and baths would go. The long and short-term rate would be replaced by four differing rates, paid to pensioners, long-term sick and disabled, one-parent families, and the unemployed. Changes to the help given for mortgage interest to those who become unemployed has also been studied by the Department of Health.

Child Benefit and Family Income Supplement: Proposals to tax, or directly means-test, child benefit appear to have been dropped. But the £6.85 benefit may not be uprated to the expected £7.25 this autumn.

Family Income Supplement, at present worth up to £23 a week and paid for a year, will be abolished, but a new "family credit" through the PAYE system for those in low-paid work, is likely, to encourage people to take low-paid work rather than rely on benefits. For the unemployed, a "family premium" may be paid based on the number of children, providing slightly more benefit for children than in the present system.

The £30 death grant is likely to be abolished, with exceptions for the poor, and the £25 maternity grant ended, except for the poorest. The maternity allowance of £27.25 a week would be means-tested.

In addition, the right of those aged 16 and 17 to supplementary benefit is likely to be lost, to encourage them to stay in education, or take a training place.

SOCIAL SECURITY SPENDING 1984/85

	£m	% of budget
Elderly people	18,900	48
Long-term sick and disabled	4,500	12
Short-term sick	350	1
Unemployed	6,400	16
Widows and orphans	1,100	3
Family support	6,300	16
Administration	1,600	4
Total	39,150	

Main programmes in £m with beneficiaries: Pensions £15,397 to 9.3m claimants; Supplementary Benefit £8,304 to 4.3m claimants; Child Benefit £4,267 to 6.9m claimants (12.4m children); Unemployment Benefit £1,597 to 1m claimants; Housing Benefit £3,748 to 6.5m claimants.



Musical family: The gifted husband and wife duo of Japanese soprano Mitsuko Shirai and German pianist Hartmut Höll will give a recital at the Wigmore Hall, London, tonight of songs by Haydn, Schumann, Berg and Schoenberg. (Photograph: Barry Beattie).

Britain's strikes record worsens

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's strike record is poor compared with European competitors such as West Germany, The Netherlands, France, Belgium and Denmark and very bad in relation to Japan, Austria and Switzerland.

Department of Employment figures, in the *Employment Gazette*, cover 1974 to 1983 and therefore do not take account of the miners' strike. But the "winter of discontent" in 1978/79 when there were more days lost than since the general strike in 1926, is included.

In the years 1979-83, Britain's strike record deteriorated markedly because of the public sector and engineering strikes of 1979 and the steel strike of 1980.

There were 500 days a year lost for every 1,000 employeesin 1979-83, compared with 380 in 1974 to 78. In the most strike-prone sectors mining, manufacturing, construction and transport/communication days lost increased from 760 to 1,000 a year.

The most strike-prone countries in 1974 to 83 were: Italy, Greece, Spain, Canada, Ireland and Australia.

West Germany, Japan, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Norway, Austria, and Sweden had the best records.

For most other countries, the 1979-81 recession reduced strikes. An exception was Sweden, where days lost rose 30 in 1974 to 78 period to 250 in 1979 to 83.

In Japan and West Germany there has been a sharp decline in strikes.

But industrial disputes in Austria and Switzerland are so rare that fewer than five days a year per 1,000 employees were lost during the 10-years.

The United States is excluded from the comparison because its figures record only disputes involving more than 1,000 workers.

Days lost a year per 1,000 employees 1974-83

Italy	1,300
Spain	1,000
Greece	870
Canada	860
Ireland	720
Australia	640
United Kingdom	440
Finland	420
New Zealand	340
Belgium	210
Portugal	190
France	170
Sweden	140
Denmark	100
Japan	70
Norway	60
West Germany	30
Netherlands	20
Austria	-
Switzerland	-

Source: Employment Gazette, April 1985.

TUC chiefs urge speedy NUM fund

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

TUC leaders yesterday overturned a decision to exercise caution in setting up a trust fund for the National Union of Mineworkers and called on Congress House to speed up the sending of up to £25,000 a week to the union.

The TUC general council was told there was conflicting legal advice about establishing a fund to ensure the NUM stays in business while under the control of the receiver. An 18-17 vote yesterday urged Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, to find ways to overcome the legal problems of giving the NUM the money while ensuring this does not fall into the receiver's hands.

Also yesterday, leaders of the pit deputies' union Nacods requested an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister, seeking to have all pit closures put through the modified review procedure agreed between the National Coal Board and Nacods last October.

Nacods leaders are to visit the arbitration service Acas tomorrow to seek ways to implement the review procedure agreed.

The two chief officials of the NUM's dissident Nottinghamshire area, Mr Roy Link and Mr David Prendergast, have been called to a disciplinary hearing to answer allegations that they acted against the interest of the union and broke its rules.

● An injunction banning the Yorkshire area NUM from spending money on mass pickets was lifted by the High Court yesterday.

BBC libel action earnings

Suitable cases for envy

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The £100,000 expected to go to each of the two QCs representing the BBC in the libel action over a Harley Street slimming expert would be the envy of barristers dealing in big criminal actions, who earn nothing like as much under this legal aid.

There are barristers said to be earning well over £100,000 a year, but they tend to be involved in international commerce, giving advice to multi-nationals, or in the tax field, where the cost of a wrong judgement can be expensive.

Top solicitors doing similar work are said to be able to make comparable amounts, and in both branches of the profession top payments contrast with the bread and butter work of the less well-off.

An informed guess yesterday from someone in a good position to know put the average earnings by a solicitor in a professional practice in the suburbs or provinces at £20,000 or £25,000 a year.

An average middle-ranking barrister dealing in criminal cases might get £25,000 gross, according to someone in chambers yesterday who knows the field, but 40 per cent, he said, would go in overheads. The earning period during the year is reckoned to be 42 weeks.

But criminal work is on the whole reckoned to be poorly paid compared with many of the less glamorous parts of the profession: chancery and specialist practitioners, for example.

Fees in a court case not involving legal aid are negotiated between the solicitor and the barrister's clerk, so a client ought in theory to know what the charge will be. What cannot be estimated as was shown in the BBC case, is how long the hearing will last, or in a civil case who in the end will have to pay.

A solicitor's client who claims that fees for non-court work are excessive may apply to the Law Society for a certificate stating what sum would be "fair and reasonable" for the work done.

How much counsel's opinion is likely to cost is more difficult to assess.

There is a disputes procedure between the Law Society and the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, when a barrister and solicitor are appointed to arbitrate.

Mr Niall Morison, deputy secretary of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, told me there was unrest among barristers of the criminal bar over criminal legal aid rates. They had been offered less than Civil Servants – 4 per cent across the board. If inflation was 5 per cent or 6 per cent they were already falling behind. Yet they had also to pay expenses. So their net increase would be just over 3 per cent.

Barristers' brief fees for jury trials are now £360 for junior counsel in the Crown Court (£35 last year); and for guilty please £125 (£120). A brief covers the preparation of a case for trial and the first day in court. The brief fees are the *maxima per case; actual fees are* on average half, or less, of those sums. The standard, refresher fee, for an extra day in court, is now £90 (£85).

The maximum refresher fee is now £127, compared with £120 last year.

Under the new scales, solicitors will get an hourly preparation rate in magistrates' court cases of £27 (£26) and £33 (£32) for advocacy. Crown court rates for preparation are for a *senior solicitor* £31, *junior* solicitor £27 and solitor' clerk £18.

Fear behind pension costs

Abolishing the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme, introduced in 1978, would deprive some 11 million workers of a guarantee of higher pensions in the years to 1998 and beyond.

It would also increase the contributions that another 10 million workers in occupational pension schemes will have to make towards their pensions, unless the level of benefits they can now expect is cut.

The scheme is seen by its supporters as the key step towards relieving poverty in old age. But on the basis of contentious projections of economic growth, birth and death rates, some in government see it as a millstone that could raise public spending by up to £25 billion in the first third of the next century.

The scheme, when fully operational in 1998, will guarantee employees, in return for higher national insurance contributions, a pension based on their best 20 years' earnings by topping up the basic State pension with an earnings-related component.

Those in the State scheme since 1978 are already receiving extra benefits of up to £16.21 a week above the basic state pension of £35.80.

Existing occupational schemes can contract in or out of the State system, with employees and employers paying lower national insurance contributions if they stay out. Most have stayed out believing they can offer better benefits than the State system.

But SERPS still underpins the occupational schemes. That is because occupational schemes have to guarantee to pay a minimum pension equivalent to that provided by SERPS, and the State inflation-proofs the minimum pension paid by occupational schemes by raising it in line with prices.

SERPS' key advantage is for many women, manual workers, people who change jobs frequently and those who have spells of unemployment. Because the scheme takes the 20 best years' earnings and revalues them to calculate pension entitlement, people whose earnings are highest in their 30s or 40s, for example many manual workers, stand to gain.

Women who take time off to raise children will receive a pension based on their best 20 years. In occupational schemes *they would lose contributions* when not working and schemes often require 40 years' contributions to pay a full pension.

The Government's fears for the scheme are based on projections of growing numbers of elderly, with fewer people of working age to pay for the larger pensions they will receive. By 2025, those in work could be paying almost 20 per cent of their earnings to provide for pensioners, according to calculations by the Government Actuary. At present they take 12.5 per cent.

Warning on TV 'dark age'

A new "dark age" in broadcasting if advertising was allowed on the BBC was predicted last night by Mr Michael Grade, controller of BBC-1 (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

In a speech to advertising representatives, Mr Grade cited TV-am's "downward spiral of quality" in search of revenue after its early crisis. Advertising as a common source of revenue for competing networks would produce American-style television, which he described as an "insult to human intelligence".

Anger over US police band's Irish visit

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Police organizations and politicians throughout Ireland yesterday condemned plans by members of a New York police band to join a parade in co Donegal commemorating 10 hunger strikers.

Last night Mr Martin Galvin, publicity director of Noraid, the American-based fund-raising organization, said he would be astonished if the Irish government attempted to stop the band or himself from entering the republic

Mr Galvin told leaders of the band that he is likely to accept their invitation to address a rally in memory of the hunger strikers, bringing fears that he will again attempt to enter Northern Ireland in spite of a Home Office ban forbidding him coming to the province. Mr Galvin defied the order last year.

As pressure mounted on the new York Emerald Society's pipe and drum band to cancel their visit in August, the Irish Republic's Minister for Justice led protests against the American police officers for agreeing to support the march in memory of provisional IRA and Irish National Liberation Army members.

Mr Michael Noonan said that their action was "deplorable" particularly as police forces normally expressed solidarity world-wide. Last year when the band took part in a similar rally at Bundorn, in Co Donegal, it was thought that there had been a breakdown in communication but this year it showed their visit was intentional.

Royal 'bomb plot'

The Irish National Liberation Army plotted to bomb the route of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales in a terrorist campaign in England, a court was told yesterday.

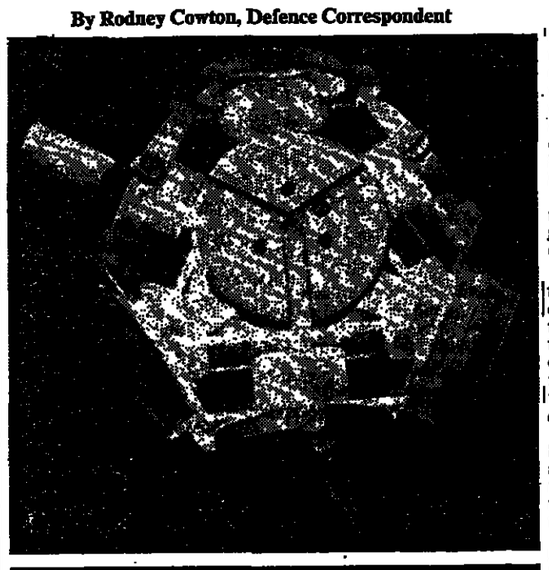
A man travelled from the British mainland to contact alleged members of the organization in Belfast to ask them to plant bombs, alleged INLA "supergrass" Henry Kirkpatrick told Belfast Crown Court. Kirkpatrick said he and one of 27 defendants he has implicated in more than 200 crimes agreed to get explosives.

Kirkpatrick, aged 27, who is serving a life sentence for five sectarian killings, said, in particular one man wanted to bomb the route of the wedding in 1981.

The plan had been called-off when they were unable to get explosives and because of arguments within the organization. The trial continues today.

Russians wanted details of laser gyro

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent



The five Soviet diplomats expelled from Britain are thought to have been trying to obtain information about a number of British high technology projects, including the ring laser gyro (photograph left), on which British Aerospace and Ferranti are working (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

The laser gyro is intended to replace the traditional spinning gyro which has been at the heart of navigation systems for

British Aerospace believes that it is the world leader, outside the United States, in this technology, which involves two laser beams circulating in opposite directions so that movement can be measured through changes in the frequency pulse.

The British Aerospace system has been designed for use on aircraft, and the company hopes that it will be selected for use on the planned new naval helicopter, the EH-101.

However, the company believes that the technology could have a wide range of applications, including navigation systems for submarines and missiles and possibly in space-based defence systems.

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Sabotage claim by newspaper

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

The *Financial Times* has accused print workers in its machine room of carelessness or sabotage and has threatened to take legal action.

Mr Frank Barlow, the paper's chief executive, said yesterday that both civil action for breach of contract and police intervention over deliberate negligence may be contemplated.

The paper lost around 80,000 copies on Tuesday night

The nightly shortfall in the print run has been caused by industrial action in support of a claim for £80 a week from machine managers belonging to the National Graphical Association, and £70 a week for the assistants, who are members of Sogat '82.

A spokesman for the NGA machine room chapel (office branch) said yesterday that the breakdowns complained of by management were not caused deliberately, and that there were "genuine mechanical problems".

Strikes on eve of exams

By Ronald Faux

A one-day strike by teachers in Scottish secondary schools yesterday disrupted the education of more than 400,000 children.

The Educational Institute of Scotland and the Scottish Secondary Teachers Association, which together represent 90 per cent of teachers joined in the strike to press the Government for an independent pay review.

The EIS claimed that over 220 schools were closed, and many more were operating with only a handful of staff, as 26,000 secondary school teachers refused to work.

Mr John Pollock, the EIS general secretary, said it was the highest number ever to support strike action in Scottish schools.

"It is a mark of the strength of feeling felt by the profession about their pay position," he said.

Industrial action has been organized in Scottish schools over the last five months with "targeted strikes" in the constituencies of government ministers.

The "show of strength" yesterday was on the eve of the Scottish 'O' level examinations, which the teachers have decided will not be disrupted.

Instead, they plan selective strike action during the next five weeks in Scottish primary schools.

Mr Pollock said the joint strike had shown that teachers could effectively close down Scottish secondary education. From that position of strength, teachers would not disrupt examinations. But the concession was to the children and not to the Government, Mr Pollock said.

'Video pirates' acquitted of film theft

Two men alleged to be involved in video piracy were cleared at Knightbridge Crown Court yesterday in the wake of a Court of Appeal decision that copying films is not a theft. Judge Babington directed the jury to acquit a former cinema manager, Mr Raymond Dutton, and a pet shop owner, Mr John Jemmett.

Mr Dutton, aged 35, of Ermine Side, Enfield, north London, and Mr Jemmett, aged 30, of Fore Street, Edmonton, north London, had denied conspiracy to steal films from the ABC cinema in Golders Green, north London, before August 1983.

Mr Michael Tepper, aged 37, a driver, of Wittenden Way, Popular, east London, was also acquitted. He will be tried for conspiracy to breach copyright and commit forgery.

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Correction

Mr Tadeusz Rybczynski, who has joined the council of the Employment Institute, is a director of Lazard Securities, not a director of Lazards as stated in *The Times* on April 22.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 25; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 180; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2500; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Allegation of subversion link 'a smear'

By Michael Horsnell and Rupert Morris

Lord Orr-Ewing's denunciation of what he called Soviet-backed organizations in Britain dedicated to the subversion of the free world was condemned yesterday as a "McCarthyite smear".

The Conservative peer claimed in the House of Lords on Tuesday that the Russians worked through 13 international front organizations to create dissent.

And he went on to name Mr James Lamond, a Labour MP, Mr Alfred Lomas, an MEP, and seven trade union leaders as principal supporters of the largest of these bodies, the World Peace Council.

Mr Lomas, Labour MEP for London North East, said: "I thought this sort of smear language had gone out with McCarthyism. It's total nonsense.

"The fact that the Russians support the World Peace Council, does not mean that we are receiving government money from them. But it would not worry me if it were, in the same way that I should be delighted if the United States government put money in."

The council, which has 140 national branches, is based in Helsinki and the British branch is known as the British Peace Assembly.

Mrs Jean Pavett, the assembly's secretary, said that its funds came entirely from public donations and affiliation fees from trades unions and other bodies.

She said: "We have never hidden the fact that we are associated with the WPC. We work with Eastern and Western countries and we are all working for peace."

The peace council was formed in Poland in 1948 and the BPA, formed five years ago, aims to end Nato deployment of nuclear missiles as well as remove American bases from Britain. Its monthly newsletter is edited by Mr Gordon Schaffer, a holder of the Lenin Peace Prize.

Mr Lomas is a vice-president of the BPA and member of the WPC.

Mr Lamond, MP for Oldham Central and the BPA's president, said: "I did make a statement in the House of Commons, not yesterday but some years ago, that if anybody could show me that any government, never mind the Soviet Government, provided money for the World Peace Council I would resign. So far no one has accepted that challenge."

Other organizations named by Lord Orr-Ewing incinded the International Union of Students and the International Organization of Journalists.

The National Union of Students said that the IUS, based in Prague, was set up with its help in the early 1960s

A move by an Irish branch to affiliate the National Union of Journalists with the communist sponsored International Organization of Journalists in Prague was thrown out last month at the union's annual conference.

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), said: "I have become convinced over the past 40 years that dialogue between East and West is the greatest deterrence to another war. Irrespective of political allegiances, I have participated in any organization talking peace and detente."

Mr Ken Gill, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Technical and Supervisory Section (AUEW/Tass), said: "I have been a sponsor of most peace organizations and this is no exception. I actually believe in peace."

Five held under terror Act freed

Five people detained at Stranraer under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were released on Tuesday night.

Four men from Belfast and a woman from Armagh had been attending meetings in Glasgow last weekend.

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Drugs firm offers cash after open verdict on 'guinea-pig' student

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Roche Products, the multinational drugs company, yesterday offered to pay compensation to the family of a medical student who died of a rare blood disorder after testing one of its products.

A jury in Cardiff had earlier returned an open verdict on Philip Jones, aged 21, of Llanelli, Dyfed, who died of bronchial pneumonia due to aplastic anaemia.

After the hearing at the South Glamorgan coroner's court his father Mr Royston Jones, called for greater controls on the way in which drugs are tested. His son had been testing a tablet form of a tranquillizer, Midazolam.

The National Union of Students also called for the introduction of national guidelines to govern tests, and meet representatives of the Royal College of Physicians to submit proposals for safeguards.

Mr Philip Woolas, the union president, said: "Low student grants are forcing more and more students to supplement their income in this way".

A spokeswoman for the company said that in offering to pay compensation, Roche was acting on humanitarian grounds, and its actions did not imply that there existed any question of legal liability, either with regard to the company's conduct or the drug itself.

The court was told that Mr Jones, a third-year medical student at the Welsh National School of Medicine, in Cardiff, died last July, nine months after taking part in trials to test Midazolam.

The drug, part of the benzodaizephine group and similar to Valium, was being developed by Roche as a tranquillizer and as a form of treatment for children suffering from epileptic fits. It was first marketed in Britain in 1983 after extensive tests.

Dr Edward Gordon-Smith, a consultant in the haematology unit at Hammersmith Hospital, London, said that a number of factors could have caused Mr Jones's death.

"One has to have the suspicion in this case that Midazolam had contributed or been the last trigger that caused aplastic anaemia. But I think it unlikely that that alone had been the cause, otherwise many more people would get the disease.

"I think it can only be a suspicion. It may have been totally irrelevant. But clearly it is necessary for people to know this, lest it should happen again."

Dr Gordon-Smith said that there was no known association between Midazolam and aplastic anaemia, a condition which halts the production of blood cells in bone marrow, causing anaemia, vulnerability to infection and bleeding.

Dr Charles Wardrop, a senior lecturer in haematology, who also had Mr Jones in his care, agreed that the drug trial was a possible cause of the student's anaemia.

Professor Alan Richens, head of pharmacology at the Welsh National School of Medicine, said that the drug tests were carried out in his department.

He described the strict protocol agreed and approved by the local medical ethics committee for doing the work. Two million doses of the drug had been administered since its approval and no blood abnormality problems had been reported.

Volunteers were screened for allergies to any of the compounds. Mr Jones had taken four doses in a month and the professor believed that the amount of drug he was exposed to was "really too small to have figured in his condition".

Professor Richens said that trials of the drug were continuing, but any new volunteers would be told of the circumstances of Mr Jones's death.



Calculators 'essential' for maths lessons

By David Lister of The Times Educational Supplement

Pocket calculators and microcomputers are now essential for school mathematics lessons, the schools inspectorate (HMIs) says in a discussion document issued yesterday.

The document also declares redundant some hallmarks of traditional mathematics lessons, such as long division, and logarithms.

"Only very basic and simple calculations need now be done on paper", the report says. "Some standard written methods of calculation such as long division, which many pupils find difficult, and few really understand, should no longer be generally taught".

Logarithms, as calculation aids, are "obviously redundant". Microcomputers are "a powerful means of doing mathematics quicklysometimes in a visually dramatic way". If pupils are to use microcomputers they will need to learn to programme them and if this is not taught elsewhere, it should be included in the mathematics curriculum.

The document emphasizes the importance of practical mathematical works: "The main reason for teaching mathematics is its importance in the analysis and communication of information and ideas.

"Mathematics is an abstract subject and becomes almost exclusively so too quickly for many pupils. It is unfortunate that much of the work pupils do in mathematics should appear to them and to adults to lack purpose".

Good working habits by children are emphasized. Reasoning is a "fundamental ability" which children will need at stages.

Mathematics from five to 16 (Stationary Office, £2).

Asbestos risk to public 'negligible'

By Tony Samstag

The environmental risk to the public from asbestos is negligible, according to a report prepared for the Health and Safety Commission and published yesterday.

Contrary to the popular view, even buildings that contain asbestos have fibre levels so low, the authors calculate, that working in an office containing asbestos 40 hours a week for 20 years would produce "a lifetime risk of approximately one per 100,000". That means one person a year in Britain is likely to die from a condition related to asbestos in the general environment.

Non-smokers who regularly inhale others' tobacco smoke are 90 times more likely to die of lung cancer, while a 10-mile drive to and from the office would be 200 times as dangerous as the asbestos in the building.

The 54-page report, two years in preparation, was written by Sir Richard Doll, and Professor Julian Peto of the Institute of Cancer Research, London University. Sir Richard is best known for his work in establishing the link between smoking and lung cancer.

Speaking at the launch of his report in London, he demolished another public fear: that asbestos particles released by braking cars were dangerous. The heat of braking "denatured" the asbestos and rendered it harmless, he said.

The industrial disease asbestosis could be considered a "disease of the past", the study had shown. Older and retired workers were still suffering its long-term effects, but "with current levels of exposure we can regard the risk of asbestosis as negligible in comparison with cancer".

Problems in assessing and regulating industrial levels of asbestos fibres are also considered in the report, which notes that safety standards are based on fibre counts under an optical microscope.

Many of the harmful fibres are too small to be seen except by an electron microscope, however, and scientists must usually rely on a rough formula estimating the proportion of smaller fibres likely to be present.

Another grey area involves electricians, plumbers, decorators and do-it-yourself householders who may come into regular contact with asbestos and not know it. No reliable statistics exist on the degree of risk in such cases.

Mrs Nancy Tait, speaking for the charity Spaid, which she founded in 1978 to look after the interests of sufferers from asbestosis and other industrial diseases, at the launch of the report that said she was seeing at least three cases a week of mesothelioma (the type of cancer most firmly associated with asbestos exposure) in 30 and 40-year-old men engaged in such work.

The report notes that the absolute risk of lung cancer in non-smokers is "certainly small even after heavy exposure" to asbestos.

Among those involved in the manufacture of asbestos textiles, is the ones at highest risk out of Britain's 10,000 asbestos workers – mortality rates are roughly equivalent to those among construction workers.

Asbestos: effects on health of exposure to asbestos, by Richard Doll and Julian Peto (Stationery Office, £5).

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Estimates of risk of death per 25-year working life

Construction worker	1/200
Radiological	1/800
Deep sea fishing	1/16
Textiles	1/1600
Asbestos textiles	1/200

Source: National Radiological Protection Board

Competition 'stifled' on air routes

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

A sharp attack on Europe's "blinkered" government for keeping air fares high and stifling competition is delivered by the House of Lords European Communities Committee today.

Air fares in Europe can be three times those in the United States, but government refuse to act because they have a vested interest in the present system and are reluctant to risk losing control of their national airlines, the committee says in a new report on European air transport policy.

The system burdens travellers with high fares, inconvenient services and rigid timetable, the report says.

It is in glaring conflict with the Treaty of Rome, yet the Brussels Commission, because it fears the attempt would fail, is reluctant to take action to bring aviation into conformity.

Calling for more competition and greater freedom in line with last year's EEC memorandum, the committee accepts these measures are modest, but says they are as much as can reasonably be expected at present.

The committee largely rejects the airlines' defence that high European fares are caused by high costs outside their control; airport and navigation charges, for example.

Charter airlines suffer the same costs yet keep their fares down, the committee says, mainly by filling aircraft and using them efficiently.

At the root of the trouble, is the servere restraint on competition which government have been ready to accept and have often actively encourage.

Since the Second World War, a national airline has become something of a status symbol, and few countries are prepared to be without one. Help and protection are given to the national carrier and they are not exposed to full competition.

The report says: "The committee have no doubt that the scheduled air transport system in Europe needs a large injection of competition. In principle, a common market exists, and the concept of free competition lies at the heart of that market. In practice, there is no common air transport policy, and the present regulatory system is almost as far from being a common market as it is possible to imagine."

European Air Transport Policy (House of Lords Paper 115, Stationery Office, £12.15 net).

Joint deal on new computers

By Bill Johnstone Technology Correspondent

ICL, the flagship of the British computer industry, has launched a super-fast computer, based on advanced Japanese microchip technology which can search the contents of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in three minutes.

The new computers, the first big product to emerge from the partnership between the British computer company and Fujitsu, are to be made using the combined resources of two multimillion pound automated assembly plants in Manchester and Kidsgrove.

The computer company, which was facing bankruptcy four years ago before a government rescue move, has spent £10 million in the past 18 months preparing the robotic assembly lines which will make the new computer and its circuitry boards. The mocrochip circuitry is that of ICL but the chips were made by Fujitsu.

The government resource package provided a £200 million loan guarantee for the company and a radical change of the company's top management.

The company was to return to profit within two years. Last August ICL was bought by the telecommunications group STC

The computer, which will be sold by ICL to Britain, Sweden, Africa, Germany, The Netherlands and Denmark, is to be called the Series 39.

The computer has been on field trials since last autumn and one of the first deliveries of the machines had just been made to the Inland Revenue.

● Computer systems which will speed up access to patient and staff information were launched by a health authority yesterday. The £11 million sustem will be phased in by the North Western Regional Health Authority, which covers Lancashire and Greater Manchester, during the next two years.

Duel on the turf between Piggott and Francome

Lester Piggott hitches a ride astride John Francome, the champion National Hunt jockey, in a little horseplay to draw attention to their forthcoming duel at Warwick racecourse on May 18.

The two-horse race will be over 1 mile 6 furlongs of the Flat course and the Horses will be handicapped at a weight difference of 10lb, Francome going to the scale at 10st 10lb and Piggott at 10st. Francome, who retired from race riding earlier this month, said yesterday: "I've admired Lester for many years and if I can beat him, it would be a marvellous climax to my career."

Piggott admits he has a tough task. "John is an outstanding horseman and the fact that he is coming out of retirement to take me on shows how much he wants to win," he said.

Definite plans for the horses they will ride have not been made but Francome could be on Shangoseer and Piggott on The Liquidator.

The match was inspired by the Warwick racecourse manager, Edward Gillespie, who said: "It will be the most exciting race in the course's history."

Peter O'Sullevan has agreed to act as guest commentator for the race, which is being sponsored by Walton Hall, the Warwickshire Leisure company.

President to aid couple

By Richard Dowden

President Kyprianou of Cyprus has promised to take up with Mrs Thatcher the case of two Greek-Cypriots who have taken sanctuary in a north London church to avoid deportation.

Mr George Eugenioux of the Cypriot Advisory Service, which is organizing the campaign for Mr Vassilis Nicola and his wife Katerina, said he had telephoned Mr Kyprianou yesterday who had promised to raise the case with Mrs Thatcher as soon as possible.

The couple have lived in the church of St Mary the Virgin, Eversholt Street, Somers Town, since February 28

Burglary faked over girl friend

David Cotton, aged 45, an antiques dealer, staged a hoax burglary and pretended to have been stabbed by intruders at his girl friend's flat to win her sympathy, West London Magistrates' Court was told yesterday.

He ransacked the flat at Leonard Court, Edwardes Square, and scattered jewellery

When Cotton, of Melody Road, Wandsworth, took his then girl friend, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon home that evening he remarked that the light was on and said he could see the intruders.

While she called the police, Cotton stabbed himself

Cotton admitted wasting police time last December and was fined £500.

Chelsea told to dismantle its electric fence

Chelsea Football Club has been ordered to dismantle the electric wire fence designed to curb pitch invasion at its Stamford Bridge Ground before Saturday's game with Tottenham Hotspur.

The demand came from the Greater London Council, which threatened last night to take legal action if Chelsea fails to give an assurance today that it will take the fence down.

The GLC's move followed an exchange of letters yesterday, when Chelsea's chairman officially unveiled the electrified fence.

The council was stung into the angry response by Chelsea's insistence that it had received approval from the council for the installation of wiring.

The club's chairman Mr Ken Bates refused yesterday to say whether or not the 12-volt electric current would be switched on for Saturday.

After showing the fully operational 11ft fence to reporters yesterday Mr Bates asked: "Why all the compassion for hooligans? Just because there is a possibility of them getting a little burn on their fingers. I don't see what all the fuss is about.

"Now when I come up with this the authorities say they don't agree with it. But at least I have got a healthy debate going", he said.

A group of Conservative MPs have supported Chelsea's plan to combat football hooliganism.

Surgeon gets £108,389

A orthopaedic surgeon was awarded £108,389 damages in the Court of Appeal yesterday for losing his post as a hospital consultant after he refused to see a psychiatrist.

Mr Anthony Bliss, aged 52, was suspended for 14 months in May 1980 from the Medway Hospital in Gillingham, Kent, while allegations of professional misconduct were investigated.

The appeal judges, led by Lord Justice Dillon, overturned the decision of Mr Justice Farquharson in the High Court in December 1983 that there had been no breach of contract be the South East Thames Regional Health Authority, which was responsible for the hospital.

Lord Justice Dillon said although there had been a clash of personalities in the orthopaedic department, the authority acted in breach of contract.

It must pay the costs of both the hearings.

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Four 'used duke's name on cheques'

Four men got away with £61,000 by cashing cheques stolen from the Duke of Devonshire's home in Chesterfield Street, Mayfair, London, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday.

Peter Callaghan, aged 24, a chauffeur, of Chesterfield Street, has pleaded not guilty to the theft of the cheques.

Andrew Shellis, aged 43, a hairdresser, and his brother Jack, aged 35, both of Northolt Road, Harrow, and Heraklis Kouzoupis, aged 31, a manager, of Hereford Road, Acton, deny receiving the cheques. The case continues today.

Killer is held indefinitely

Roy Coombes, aged 17, who raped and murdered a boy aged 10 in a field near Bodmin last year was yesterday ordered to be detained indefinitely after a 10-day trial at Bodmin Crown Court.

He had denied killing the boy, Malcolm Matthews, of North Roskear, Camborne.

Aga Khan praises Thatcher approach

One of the world's richest men paid tribute to Mrs Thatcher and her policies yesterday when she enjoyed another taste of the East.

After her extensive tour of the Far East recently, the Prime Minister was travelling only as far as South Kensington in London to open a £10 million Muslim community centre.

Much of the money for the polished granite building opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum was provided by the Aga Khan, and it was designed for the 15,000-strong Ismaili community in Britain, if which he is the spiritual head.

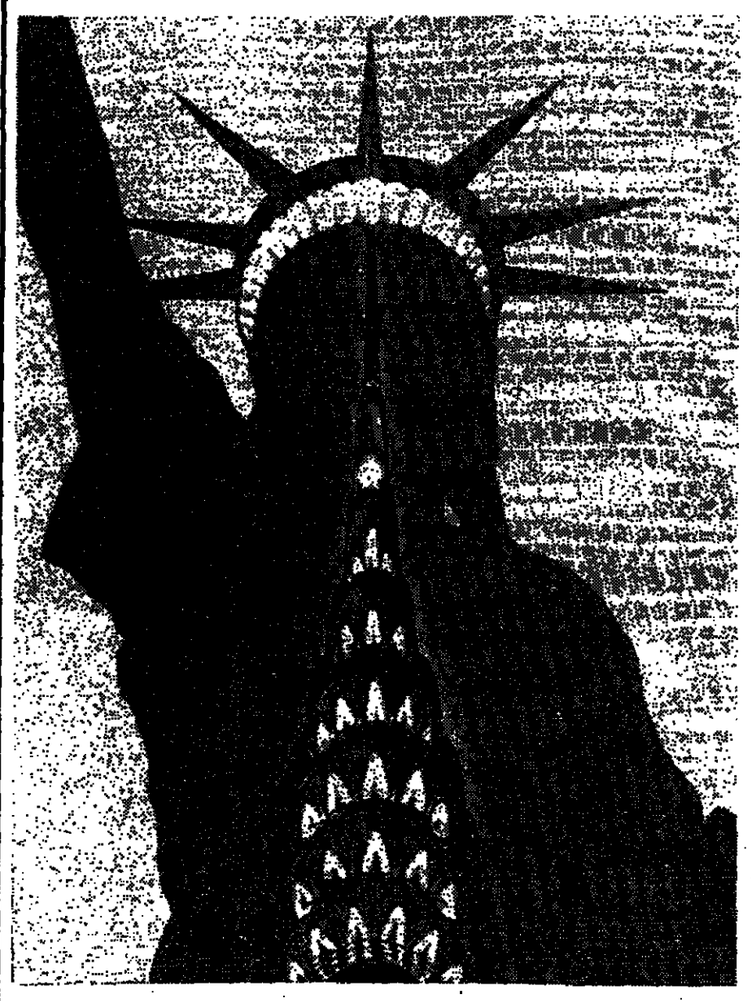
Many Ismailis arrived in Britain penniless in 1972 after the Amin expulsions from Uganda.

The Aga Khan paid tribute to Britain for its welcome to the Ismailis, and then went on to praise the Prime Minister.

Before touring the building, Mrs Thatcher listened to a chanted recitation from the Koran and delighted her Muslim audience by quoting a nineteenth century Islam poet, Muhammad Iqbal, on the virtues of an individual working within a community.

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Princess's mother praises 'brave baron'

Princess Michael of Kent's mother spoke yesterday of her regrets at keeping her first husband's Nazi past secret from their daughter.

Mrs Marianne Rogala-Koczorowski, who married Baron Gunther von Reibnitz in 1941, said: "I hadn't been on very good terms with my first husband. I said to myself: 'Why should I say anything?' I regret it now in hindsight very much. I should have told her. You see, I didn't think it mattered so much. It wouldn't have served much purpose. Now, of course, I'm terribly sorry."

But Mrs Rogala-Koczorowski, speaking for her home in Sydney, Australia, said that from their first meeting, in June 1941, his enthusiasm for Nazism seeme to be over.

"He was totally disillusioned. I wouldn't even have gone on talking to him if he had still thought Hitler's regime was a good thing", she said.

"You have to go back to his beginnings to understand. He was from Silesia (Austria, later German) and spent three or four years a prisoner of the French.



Mrs Rogala-Koczorowski: "I should have told her".

"When he got home he joined the Nazis because he had a feeling he had to do something for his country. When I met him he was still a kind of a royalist.

"He was already very openly against the (Hitler) regime. And he showed enormous courage in saving me from prison.

Mrs Rogala-Koczorowski, or Countess Szapary as she then was, had incurred the wrath of the Germans.

She had refused to rise to "Heil Hitler" when she went to Tachau to run the timber business she had inherited from her grandfather. She had been caught listening to the BBC and the Germans, who had overrun Czechoslovakia, saw her as totally non-supportive of the Fuhrer.

Baron von Reibnitz was in a position to help and, unexpectedly, he had time on his hands. Under regular treatment for his heart condition he did not return to his regiment but married the countess in December 1941, and returned to his pre-war job as chief hunting ranger for Silesia.

When the countess was summoned to Berlin to appear before the Gestapo, the baron, a sturmbannführer (major) in the SS, went with her.

"So they released me, in his care. He had to say something like: 'I'll see to it she behaves'.

"He showed enormous courage, in my eyes. What really happened to him then was that he came under the cloud which still hung over me. A year later he was called before the SS in Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland) in terrible trouble.

"They accused him of giving hunting permits to Jews and said he had a solicitor with a part-Jewish wife", Mrs Rogala-Koczorowski said.

"There were many other petty things, such as he refused a prominent Nazi a hunting permit."

It was the beginning of the end for Baron von Reibnitz. He was expelled from the SS in early 1944.

After a trial in abstentia, he was thrown out of the Nazi party later that year.

They divorced in Bavaria in 1946 and she emigrated to Australia in 1950, where she married a former Polish diplomat and volunteer French Army war hero, Tadeusz Rogala-Koczorowski. Her children, son Frederick and daughter Marie-Christine, went with her to Australia.

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Favourable reaction to reform of the City

FINANCE

Legislation which the Government hoped to bring in next session on financial services in the United Kingdom, would be designed to create a regulatory system powerful enough to deliver the Government's objectives but flexible enough to remain effective during further periods of rapid change, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in the Commons in opening a debate on the White Paper on financial services.

He said that the shape of the City was changing in response to the growing internationalization of markets and to new developments and information technology and to the need for fresh sources of capital to exploit those opportunities. There was no lack of urgency in the City.

The changes in the City were serving to enhance the status of the UK as one of the primary world financial centres. The honesty and expertise of practioners, providing a wide range of financial services, would continue to be one of the principal factors in Britain's favour.

The White Paper proposed a new regulatory structure designed to maintain and improve the spirit of competition while ensuring that it would meet the needs of those dealing in the market, thus consolidating the United Kingdom's international standing.

The general reaction to the White Paper proposals had been favourable. The basic approach of self-regulation within a statutory framework had received widespread support as had the main elements of the Government's proposals.

On the institutional framework in the White Paper, he had decided not to uproot the system which had served well in the past, but to strengthen it, to build on it and repair its faults – to bring it up to date and to provide for future developments. But let there be no doubt about the extent of the changes proposed.

Powers to regulate marketing of investments were to be granted by Parliament to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and only at his discretion would those powers be delegated to bodies meeting the criteria of the legislation and also his approval. The powers could be withdrawn by the holder of his office and granted to another body or bodies. Or he could wield them himself.

There was a strong body of opinion in the City which thought it was not at all a bad thing to have the influence of professional City opinion alongside that of the politicians. They were trying to design a practical system of regulation which had the confidence of investors and of practitioners in the City.

The Government had concluded that regulatory coverage should be extended to cover all investment business. It was proposed to delegate power to the Securities and Investments Board and the Marketing of Investments Board. They would draw up rules for the authorization of investment business and the conduct of business and those rules would give effect to the principles in the White Paper.

There had been criticism of the proposal for two boards instead of one. He had not finally decided upon this matter; he would not insist on having two if no advantage was seen in the arrangement.

The small investor needed more help and protection and would benefit particularly from the Government's proposals. There would be a new and comprehensive definition of what constituted investment and investment business and it would be an offence to carry on such business without authorization.

So the investor dealing with an *authorized business will know (he* added) that that business is regarded as being "fit and proper" to undertake investment activites and is subject to rules designed to ensure the proper conduct of those activities.

Comments had been received suggesting the Government's proposals governing the conduct of business went too far but it remained its objective that there should be full segregation and full compensation for private investors.

Over-regulation of unit trusts would be avoided so as to enhance the range of schemes available while maintaining essential safeguards. *The proposed Bill would also extend* investor protection to cover life assurance policies for the first time.

Standards for the selling of life assurance have much improved (he went on) and the profession's status has been raised, but the proposals in the White Paper go further.

Unless intermediaries were tied to a particular company, those selling life assurance would need authorization and be subject to conduct of business rules. These measures would encourage more people to invest directly or indirectly in shares or similar investments.

However well-regulated the system and however adequate the disclosure of relevant facts, there would always be people who made bad decisions or took a risk which went wrong. The responsibility on the individual for his own decisions on how he invested would in no way be diminished, nor should it be.

Certain information requirements would be dispensed with in the case of professional investors. The Government proposed to widen the definition of eligible professionals to include those dealing exclusively in futures. It would also allow authorized businesses to pass information about less orthodox investments to clients who, although not professionals, were sufficently expert to understand the risks involved.

There has been some criticism of this proposal (he went on) but I believe that it is a desirable recognition of the differing needs of different groups of investors and the need to avoid over-regulation and nannying of those well able to take care of themselves.

During his visit to Japan, he had stressed the importance of the liberalization of Japanese financial markets. Some results were beginning to be seen and the granting of branch licences to UK firms to deal in securities had begun.

On many details of the White Paper, his mind was not finally set.

Mr John Smith, Chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said the Opposition considered that by and large the frame work of the law that was proposed was broadly correct. It was largely what was the *Gower report. The notion of a fit* and proper test for all those who practised in the financial markets and the notion that they should be licensed by the state before they were permitted to do so, was one the Oppositiion endorsed.

As far as he could see, and he would want to look carefully at the legislation when it was presented, the rules for conduct of business seemed to have a great deal of sense in them, particularly those parts dealing with principles that should be applied, conflicts of interest, and means of compensation for victims of fraud by those who practised in the financial markets.

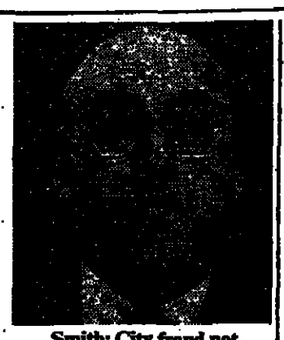
He saw no reason why there should not be an obligation on those who practised to take out professional indemnity insurance. It would round off a system of protection for the investor.

Where the Opposition had more doubts on the Goverment's proposals was on the regulatory system.

It would be much simpler and much clearer to all a those involved and to the ordinary public to move immediately towards a self standng commissiion. It was invevitable anyway and might as well be set up properly now. This was simple commonsense.

There was little point in having two boards when one could do the job perfectly well.

Fraud in the City was not pursued or prosecuted properly. The question was whether the country was prepared to put the resources behind investigating and prosecuting authorities to a sufficient extent to make sure that major fraud was prosecuted with the same rigour and diligence as minor fraud. That needed to be tackled by the Government.



Smith: City fraud not prosecuted properly

Mr Tebbit: Large-scale financial fraud is a particularly difficult crime to bring home and secure a conviction, not least because so often it is international in its nature and there is a reluctance of witnesses who are outside our national jurisdiction ot attend the courts.

There are problems here which are probably much more those of law then they are of resources, though certainly we have managed to increase the resources and reorganize them recently in a way which I hope will make them more effective.

Mr Smith said he wondered if enough had been done about the new phenomenon of international white collar crime. The off-shore problem needed greater attention than it had been given up to now by the Government. A way might be found, for example, of tackling people who had activities in this country and indulged in activities from off-shore havens and one was connected with the other.

Mr Tebbit said that if people were both operating in that way outside the United Kingdon and had an operation here it might lead the boards to the conclusion that they were not fit and proper persons.

Sir Edward du Cann (Taunton, C) said his lifetime's experience *brought him to say that the White* Paper provided a desirable and practicable framework for protecting the interests of investors and it should help to ensure the healthy development of the fast-growing financial services sector of the economy.

It was all very well establishing the idea of self regulation, but this depended in the end on those who were going to do the work of regulating. Everything was people.

In the insurance broking industry they had been enormously lucky to get some excellent people to do the work. Mr Tebbit would have to exercise all his ingenuity and persuasive powers to make sure their example was followed.

Self-regulation by insurance brokers, which anticipated the White Paper by a number of years, was only effective for those who volunteered to use the title "insurance broker". Someone who called himself an insurance consultant or insurance adviser could practise without any controls. It would be foolish to perpetuate that situation.

Thatcher condemns strike call to children

EDUCATION

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, has deplored and condemned the proposed "day of action" by young people in Liverpool. In a Commons written reply to Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) she described it as a thoroughly mischievous attempt by left-wing groups to hide behind *children in expressing* any concerns they might feel about the youth training scheme.

This (she went on) is the worst possible example they could give youngsters on Merseyside. The call to strike will be seen by all reasonably minded people as a clear political act of a totally negative nature. Is this really the image of Merseyside that should be projected to the industrialists of the world?

Mr David Amess (Basildon, C) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the encouragement of young people to go on strike in schools tomorrow (Thursday).

All MPs and all parents accepted and understood the legal obligation on children to attend school, he said. However, adults were encouraging schoolchildren to play truant and not attend school tomorrow.

A number of young socialists recently attended his surgery in Basildon and told him they had been distributing leaflets and posters in his constituency about the strike.

He told the young socialists he suspected this was one of the few strikes that the Labour party would not be supporting. When he added that only Militant Tendency MPs would support it they replied that it was nice to know there were a few decent MPs left in Parliament.

He had had many anxious telephone calls from parents greatly worried about the situation. A debate would give an Opposition spokesman the opportunity to say where Labour stood on this matter.

Labour MP says Avon has been robbed

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) was refused leave by 166 votes to 95 to bring in a Bill which he said would bring the Government to book for the damage it had inflicted on the county of Avon.

The Bill would make further provision for local government services in Avon.

Mr Corbett said Government policies on rate support grant had hit Avon hard; £81 million had been stolen in rate support grant from the county by the Government since 1980. Labour had led Avon since 1981.

In 1975-76, 36p in every pound of council spending was met by local ratepayers with the other 64p coming from central taxes. Ten years later ratepayers had to pay 72p in every pound and central taxes only 28p.

This Government (he said) has *stolen local money in order to spend* more nationally. The blame for the burden of rates rests four-square with this Government.

Mr Jack Aspinwall (Wansdyke, C) said once again the House was faced with nothing more than a publicity stunt. It was all to do with trying to enhance the chances of Labour in the local government elections on May 2.

Government urged to spend on housing

HOUSE OF LORDS

The problems of the homeless and those in unfit accommodation could quite easily be solved by getting the massive number of unemployed in the construction industry back to work, Lady Fisher of Redcar (Lab) said when opening a debate in the House of Lords on the case for investment in public housing and the severe difficulties facing the homeless and badly housed.

I would ask the Government to consider putting further public funding into new and rehabilitation building (she said). The money which is spent on dole payments for these workers and the loss of national insurance and of tax means much of this is wasted money. It could be spent on employment and provide a return for the Treasury kitty in the form of the tax and *national insurance they would pay.*

The Prime Minister had said recently that the matrimonial home was the strongest thing in a free society. That was right and the Government ought to be using this to increase family stability.

It was most frustrating for local authorities to have money in the *bank from capital receipts which* they could not use to provide new housing at the same time as having to spend millions of pounds to provide accommodation for homeless families.

The Bishop of Coventry (the Rt Rev John Gibbs) said the only certain conclusion to be drawn from the statistics was that homelessness was still increasing and should be stemmed at all cpsts. Short-term expedients could exacerbate the problem and politically motivated palliatives or penalties caused more long-term damage in housing than in any other areas.

It had been estimated that £9,000 million was needed to rehabilitate local authority inter-war housing and an equal sum to repair the defects of postwar building systems. These were figures which in the present climate would induce a state of paralysis among Chancellors of the Exchequer.

He appealed for an increased investment in the housing associations so that homelessness could be banished and so that they could rid society of this reproach.

Lord Ezra (L) said they were running the risk of letting this essential asset of housing being progressivcly run down. They were living in a society which had totally inadequate housing.

There was not only a major social problem to be faced but a major economic problem. When one had a combination of economic necessity and social need serious action was urgently called for.

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP) said that *living rough and begging were on* the increase. In a civilized society people were always offered some shelter and help but the Government wanted to phase out the current statutory provision and turn it over to voluntary bodies.

Lord Stallard (Lab) said that the rising number of homeless was resulting in talk of tent cities on open spaces such as Hampstead Heath. There were now so many homeles walking the streets of London there were not enough cardboard boxes to go round.

Lord Grimond (L) said millions had been spent on housing, but it had *been misspent on policies that led to* inflexibility. It would have been wiser to have subsidized the person who needed help in finding a home rather than the house itself.

Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab) said that by a deliberate political policy the Government had taken housing off the nation's agenda. The *Government had closed its eyes and* ears to all sounds of pain, anger and despair. The Government thought it had found a policy in selling council houses and in producing legislation which crippled the ability of councils to solve their housing problems.

Lord Skelmersdale, the Govern*ment spokesman*, said the overwhelming wish of people today was to own their own home, that was why home-ownership formed the corner-stone of the Government's housing policy and the success of it was amply demonstrated by the fact that home-ownership had increased by 1.8 million since 1979.

Summit could influence disarmament talks

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

A meeting between the new Russian leader, Mr Gorbachov, and President Reagan, which now seemed likely, could be a start and could lead to further and more constructive meetings which could influence the Geneva disarmament talks, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said in the House of Lords during Tuesday's debate on relations between the West and the Soviet Union. It was hoped, he added, that sanity and common sense would prevail.

He said he was a little more optimistic than yesterday's powerful leader in *The Times*. Mr Gorbachov, an able and comparatively young man from a different generation, might in due course develop a new approach. If he proceeded with realism, there was no reason why better relations should not be achieved.

The dreadful experiences of the last war had made the Soviet Union suspicious, in itself a big obstacle to the creation of confidence, but it was no excuse for the invasion of Afghanistan. A phrased withdrawal, initiated by Mr Gorbachov, would be a great step towards reducing international tension.

If there was a weakness in Lord Home's motion it was that it was fairly silent about the policies of the West. You would think (he went on) that the United States and the rest of us are as white as the driven snow. We know that is not so and that mistakes are made which weaken our case when it comes to human rights.

Lord Gladwyn (L) said it was doubtless true that relations with the Soviet Union could never be good in the sense of being in any way normal. While (he continued) we cannot expect to have normal or friendly relations with Russia under Soviet leadership we can, if we are sensible, at least expect to be able to *live with her.*

Lord Kennet (SDP) said those who had talked with Mr. Gorbachov knew that there was one thing that caused his eyes to light up. It was not detente, disarmament or the introduction of economic reforms, still less the introduction of market forces, in the Soviet Union. It was freer information

This might be worth all the rest put together. Everything in the Soviet Union which over the years had troubled the world had been rooted in the ignorance of its own peoples.

Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said the Government had no intention of turning the Ottawa meeting into an empty confrontation. The British delegation would raise the non-implementation of a wide range of Helsinki commitments.

Experience had shown that the West was well able to look after its *own interests. The money and time* absorbed by Soviet propaganda and Soviet activities through international communist "front" organizations had not produced results commensurate with the size of this investment.

Progress of Bills

The Alexandra Park and Palace Bill was read the third time and the Greater Manchester Bill read a second time in the Commons.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on foreign affairs. Lords (3): Further Education Bill, second reading. Motions on police regulations.

Commons to debate UK contribution

EEC BUDGET

The Commons would be consulted about yesterday's decision to agree £240 million as Britain's contribution towards the EEC budget this year, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said during Commons questions in reply to critical comments about the decision from both sides of the House. Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow, Lab) said it was an outrageous decision. The subject was raised by Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) who said the Common Market was spending £20 million a day on dumping and destroying food surpluses, was vastly overspending its agreed budget and the only way to secure reforms was through control of the supply of money to the Common Market.

It would be crazy of the Government (he said) to be asking the House at a time when we are cutting back on essential services at home, to give an extra 25 per cent in real terms to the Common Market.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I cannot accept his approach to this matter. Of course it is important to maintain pressure, we have successfully maintained for the establishment of effective budget discipline in the Community. That is why we welcome the establishment of that discipline.

It will be important also to bear that in mind when we introduce the own resources decision. We will introduce that only when all the components about which we have been concerned are in place.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said he had met a delegation from Western European Union on Tuesday and would be seeing the European Parliament delegation later this day.

He added the Commission were now drawing up at the request of the European Council at its last meeting, a full programme to be published during the summer for achieving the internal market in 1992. That was over and above steps already taken for harmonization of standards on a whole range of goods, and so on.

Our objectives (he said) are to take that much further and complete the internal market by 1992.

Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow, Lab): Why has the Goverment just agreed to £240 million as a contribution towards the budget this year and when is Parliament likely to be consulted, if at all, about such an outrageous decision?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: We have made it quite clear, as last year, that Parliament will be consulted. The agreement makes clear that our contribution is dependent on completion of our national parliamentary procedures. There is no question of our asking Parliament to approve the agreement until our abatement is guaranteed and the 1985 budget adopted.

The amount agreed has been substantially reduced from the Commssion's original request. The net cost of the United Kingon contribution will be less than the contribution last year as a direct result of Fontainebiue.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C): Will he resist the temptation to do a European deal? Will he look closely at the terms of reference of the suggested conference to discuss the European treaty and not enable anyone else to consider other European unity problems?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The way in which the Community will be considering these matters will be in the light of the recommendation of the Dooge committee

No decision has been taken as to whether or not a conference is an appropriate step. It is our own view that the way most likely to achieve decisions is to take them at the level of that Council.

Mr George Foulkes, an Opposition spokesman on European and Community Affairs: How can the Foreign Secretary say budgetary control has been achieved when the £240 million agreed yesterday is the third such sum, or similar sum, agreed within the period of the past 12 months, either by loans or reimbursable advances or whatever?

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He does not seem to appreciate that powerful arrangements have been set in place which come into force with adoption of own resources decisions for control of the budget. Throughout the considerations given to last *year's budget and again to this year's* budget, including considerations yesterday, all these measures are being taken closely into account.

Extradition talks

Negotiations on an extradition treaty with Spain were far advanced and the Government hoped to be able to bring them to a conclusion *before too long. Sir Geoffrey Howe,* Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions.

More academic freedom for polytechnics urged

By Karen Gold of the *Times Higher Education Supplement*

Legislation to give some polytechnics as much freedom as universities in looking after their own academic standards is proposed in a government-commissioned report on polytechnics and colleges.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, established the Lindop committee, chaired by a former Hatfield Polytechnic director, Sir Norman Lindop, a year ago because of concern about the standards of degrees gained in polytechnics and colleges.

There had also been allegations of bias in Polytechnic of North London sociology degrees validated by the Council for National Academic Awards.

But the Lindop committee's report says that polytechnics and colleges should all be given more, not less, freedom from outside controls.

Legislation should be enacted to allow the Secretary of State to give some the power to award their own degrees, and only be subject to external examiners to the same extent that universities are. The Secretary of State could then withdraw this power if standards were threatened.

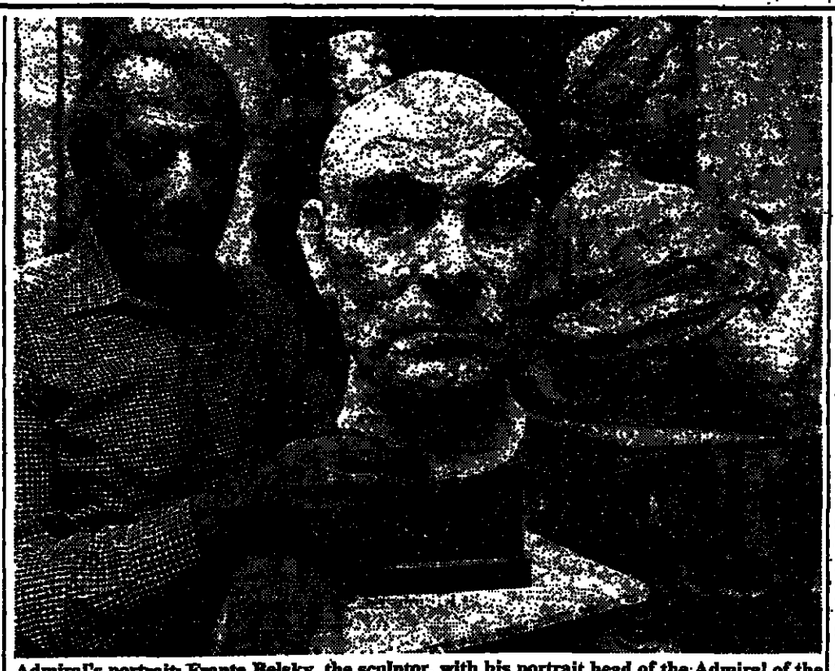
Sir Norman said yesterday that "some but not most polytechnics" should be included in this complete autonomy category. A committee *should be established to advise* the Secretary of State which ones they should be.

Those colleges not included would still be given more freedom from the complicated demands of all the different professional and validating bodies.

The report says that ultimately colleges must be as responsible as they can be for their own standards.

It recommends a code of practice and more central influence on universities which supervise degrees in colleges near by. In some cases students in those colleges are getting away with standards the university would not accept, it says.

Academic validation in public sector higher education: the Lindop committee report. Stationery Office £7.20.



Admiral's portrait: Franta Belsky, the sculptor, with his portrait head of the Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Lewin, the former Chief of Defence Staff. It will be unveiled by Lord Lewin at the School of Maritime Operations, HMS Dryad, near Portsmouth on May 1. (Photograph: Barry Beattie)

No action against IBM man's widow

A woman implicated by the murderer in the killing last October of Mr Michael Robertson, aged 41, an executive with International Business Machines, is not to be prosecuted.

When Timothy Funge-Smith, aged 41, a gardener at the Robertsons' home in Hayling Island, admitted the murder at Winchester Crown Court last March, Mr Justice Tudor Evans *imposed an order under the* Contempt of Court Act prohibiting publication of his motive, and a conversation he had with Mrs Yiani Robertson, aged 37, the widow.

At the same court yesterday Mr Christopher Leigh, for the *Director of Public Prosecutions*, successfully applied to Mr Justice Stuart-Smith for the order to be rescinded. He said it had been decided there was insufficient creditable evidence to justify charging Mrs Robertson with any offence.

Mr Robertson was attacked with a 3 ft iron pipe by Funge-Smith when he returned home one evening and died four days later in Southampton General Hospital.

Man in the News: Lord Normanby

Champion of nation's treasures

By Patricia Clough

Lord Normanby, aged 72, who, with Lord Carrington, Secretary General of *Nato*, was made a Knight of the Garter this week, has distinguished himself as a champion of Britain's art heritage against the dangers of tight money at home and fat cheque books abroad.

As chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund he has repeatedly called for action to stem the flow of important art works abroad, attracted by the strong dollar and buying power of foreign institutions, such as the Getty Foundation.

He has urged the Government to counter it by a number of changes in the tax system which, he argues, both encourage British owners to sell their art works and penalizes British buyers, who have to pay value-added tax on purchases.

Last year, through a public campaign, he and the Manchester City Art Gallery were able to raise the required £1,780,000 and save from export a highly important early Siennese Crucifixion, attributed to Duccio.

As Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire and High Steward of York Minster, he was also active in raising funds for the restoration of York Minster and, more recently, the repairs *after it was struck by lightning.*

It was Lord Normanby's second honour. As a young officer in the Green Howards he was severely wounded and captured at Dunkirk and, as a prisoner of war in Germany, organized help and treatment for *British prisoners blinded in* fighting.

On his repatriation with other wounded prisoners in 1943 he became an MBE. He is the president of the National Library for the Blind and vice-president of St Dunstan's.

On his return he became a junior minister in the coalition and caretaker governments, and joined the Labour Party for five years but resigned in disagreement with its policy of State ownership.

He is a big landower and lives at Mulgrave Castle, near Whitby. He and his wife, the former Miss Grania Guinness, have seven children.

Getty gift to steamship fund

Mr J. Paul Getty junior has given £130,000 to the restoration fund for the pioneer steamship SS Great Britain, built by the Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

A spokesman for the fund said Mr Getty had seen a recent television appeal for funds by Prince Andrew.

Off the air

Britain's smallest commercial radio station, Gwent Broadcasting closed yesterday after 22 months in operation. It has debts estimated at £400,000.

Police 'wasting time on stray dogs'

By Ronald Faux

Too much police time is wasted on paperwork, stray dogs and lost property, inspector Alistair Wallace, chairman of the Scottish Police Federation, said yesterday.

He told the annual conference of the federation in Peebles that the continued use of the police on such tasks was a costly and gross waste of professional expertise.

"My members are rapidly being overwhelmed by paperwork" he complained. Administrative requirements took precedence over practical policing.

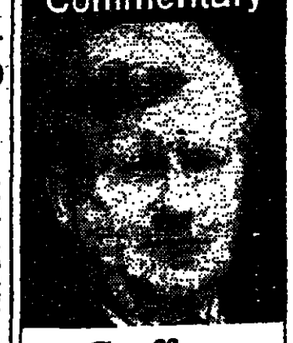
Certain reports were necessary, he admitted, and must have a conclusion date, but it appeared that some senior officers looked upon crime as a by-product with statistical requirements the main product.

In addition to the stress inherent in dealing with serious crime, Scottish police officers had each year to deal with 22,000 stray dogs and 160,000 lost and found items. They also had to enforce licence laws and deal with road accidents.

"Ignoring any legal obligations, because laws can be changed, I wonder if the only reason the police service is required to undertake these tasks is that we are available 24 hours a day, all the year round. Is that a justifiable reason? Is it not time to rid us of these tasks?" Mr Wallace asked.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, who attended the conference, heard Mr Wallace warn the Government that the police were unhappy abut their present pay position. The Government had agreed to link police pay to average earnings, but last year the pay award had amounted to only 5.4 per cent.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

***Opposition** parties often have to live down the memory of what happened when they were last in power. Before Churchill could return to office in 1951 the country had to be reassured that a Conservative government would not bring back the inter-war depression. Before Mrs Thatcher could win in 1979 she had to overcome the fear that another Conservative administration would go the way of Mr Heath's government at the hands of the miners.*

***Before** the next election* Labour has to persuade the voters that its election would not bring another winter of discontent. It is now Labour's leaders, more than the Conservatives, who have to answer the question: Could they cope with the unions?

Mr Roy Hattersley responded to this challenge in his speech this week to the AUEW at Eastbourne. Whereas the Conservatives have put the emphasis on cutting the unions down to size, Labour is bound *to concentrate on co-operation* with the unions. The party's nature and its history dictate such a strategy. So he offered "a renewal and an extension of the partnership between the Labour Party and the unions".

But he showed himself aware *of a double danger. It would be* no use making unacceptable demands of the unions, as Mr Callaghan did in 1978-79. So Mr Hattersley declared that he had "no intention of advocating, even less of introducing, either a statutory incomes policy or an incomes policy which, although theoretically voluntary, is dependent upon coercion".

Strategy based on union dialogue

It would, equally, be unwise to seem ready to respond to any demand from the unions; that would give the impression of returning to the bad old days of *the Wilsonian social contract.* So Mr Hattersley was not saying "if you scratch our backs we will scratch yours".

Well he may not have been saying it, but might he none the less have been implying it? To be aware of a danger is not necessarily the same as avoiding it.

The Hattersley strategy is to seek the closest possible dialogue with the unions: "together we have to examine and where possible agree, every item of economic policy". That is not quite the same in principle, as governing through a succession of bargains with the unions. But one would need a lot of persuading that it would not amount to that in practice.

Mr Hattersley's careful formulation did not exclude a purely voluntary incomes policy. Indeed, his speech pointed in that direction: "We have to discuss, as well, the level of earnings (both real and money wages) which is consistent with our aims". This indicates a return to the world of norms and guidelines.

All experience suggests that there would have to be trade-offs to gain union acquiescence to what ministers judged the economy could afford and that such trade-offs would not necessarily serve the broader national interest. They would be still less likely to do so if the dialogue was confined to unions and the government. Mr Hattersley made no reference to the employers.

Doubts that need to be resolved

It is legitimate and democratically healthy that the official *Opposition party should* offer a change of style: and it is understandable that Labour, with its collectivist traditions, should seek to govern, more than Mrs Thatcher does, through a dialogue with the different national interests. But there are two principal doubts that Labour need to resolve.

Would this be a broad dialogue, or simply a cosy cabal with the unions? And would a Labour government be bound by the conclusions of such a dialogue? Not even the two sides of industry together represent the whole national interest, and there is a real danger of seeking to govern the country in the spirit of a producers' co-operative.

The last time Labour returned to office pledged to a social contract with the unions it proceeded to make one concession after another in the attempt to appease union power. Later, when the Callaghan government tried to impose its will against the wishes of the unions, it was broken by union power.

Mr Hattersley has demonstrated that he is aware of both traps, but he has yet to show how a future Labour government could avoid them.

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Pope chooses Managua archbishop among his 28 new cardinals

Rome (AP) – The Pope named 28 new cardinals yesterday, including a pro-Solidarity prelate from Poland, the head of the embattled church in Nicaragua and the Archbishops of New York and Boston.

The new cardinals, who come from 19 countries, will be formally elevated at a consistory at the Vatican on May 25.

He named cardinals for the first time from Ethiopia and Nicaragua and promoted the Rome-based leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Archbishop Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky, an American citizen.

A number of major archdioceses traditionally headed by cardinals had no such ranking leadership because of death or retirements since the Pope's last consistory in 1983.

The promotions will bring the number of cardinals under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote for a new Pope to 120 – the limit under church rules.

The Pope, making the announcement during his general audience in St Peter's Square, said other churchmen "deserved to be included on the list" but that he did not want to go above the limit that was set by Pope Paul VI.

The new cardinals include Archbishops John O'Connor of New York and Bernard Law of Boston.

The Pontiff chose the Archbishop of Wroclaw, Henryk Roman Gulbinowicz, who was a firm supporter of the outlawed Solidarity union and is known to take a hard line toward the Warsaw Government.

Also named was Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, who has pressed the pro-Marxist government to negotiate with opposition forces.

A second Polish cardinal named was Mgr Andrzej Maria Deskur, a Rome-based close friend of the Pope, who recently retired as head of the Vatican's commission for social communications for reasons of health.

Another eastern European promoted was the Rome-based Czechoslovak Archbishop Jozef Tomko, whom the Pope also appointed to head the Vatican's missionary arm, the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

From Latin America the Pope also named Archbishop Juan Francisco Fresno Larrain of Santiago, and the Rome-based Venezuelan Rosalio Jose Castillo Lara, who heads the Vatican's canon law commission.

The full list of promoted archbishops is: Juan Francisco Fresno Larrain (Santiago); Miguel Obando Bravo (Managua); Angel Suquia Goicoechea (Madrid); Ricardo Vidal (Cebu, The Philippines); Henryk Roman Gulbinowicz (Wroclaw); Paulos Tzadua (Addis Ababa); Louis-Albert Vachon (Quebec); Alvert Decourtray (Lyons); Friedrich Wetter (Munich and Freising); Silvano Piovanelli (Florence); Adrianus Simonis (Utrecht); Bernard Law (Boston); John O'Connor (New York); Giacomo Biffi (Bologna); Simon Lourdusamy (India, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples).

Luigi Dadaglio (Vatican central administration); Francis Arinze (Nigeria, acting president of the secretariat for non-christians); Antonio Innocenti (apostolic nuncio to Spain); Augustin Mayer (West Germany, acting prefect for the Congregation for the Sacraments and the Divine Cult); Jean Jerome Hamer (Belgium, acting prefect for the Congregation for the Religious and Secular Institutes); Jozef Tomko (Czechoslovakia, secretary general of the Vatican synod of bishops); Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky (United States, leader of the Ukranian Catholic Church); Andrzej Maria Deskur (Poland, president emeritus of the pontifical commission for social communications)

Paul Poupard (France, acting president of the Vatican secretariat for non-believers and president of the pontifical executive committee for culture); Rosalio Jose Castillo Lara (Venezuela, acting president of the pontifical commission for the authentic interpretation of the canon law codes); Edouard Gagnon (Canada, acting president of the pontifical council for the family); Alfons Stickler (Austria, acting head librarian and archivist of the Holy Roman Church) and the Rev Pietro Pavan (Italy a church sociologist)



Honecker at the Vatican

Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, with the Pope after a private talk lasting little more than half an hour yesterday. They met alone in the papal study and spoke in German (Peter Nichols writes). The principal subjects are presumed to have been the treatment of East Germany's 1,500,000 Catholics and East-West relations.

Britain fares well as EEC agrees on tightest budget

From Ian Murray, Brussels

EEC member states have agreed on the tightest possible budget for 1985 to replace the one rejected by the European Parliament last December.

If passed by the Parliament, it will give the Community about £1,190 million extra this year above the present £15,600 million legal ceiling. The extra cash is a third less than the European Commission had asked for and shows just how stringently states are now scrutinizing spending.

The extra money will have to come from a second consecutive whip-round among member states, but this time Britain will benefit from the agreed two-thirds rebate system settled at the Fontainebleau summit last year. Britain's actual share will thus be no more than about £40 million.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary for the Treasury, was understandably very satisified with the outcome of the budget council, when it ended early yesterday in Luxembourg. This was doubly so since all members stood firmly behind the Fontainebleau agreement which rules that Britain will receive its benefit in the form of reduced contributions rather than in cash payments.

This effectively makes it impossible for the European Parliament to block it as it has done in the past.

The Parliament is very unhappy about this arrangement and there is a move among many political groups to reject the budget a second time on this point alone. It is due to give the budget a first reading on May 6 with a final reading at its June session.

But were it to reject the budget then, there would be no money available to pay Europe's eight million farmers after the autumn and it seems unlikely that a majority of MEPs will want to risk the fury of the agricultural lobby on a point of principle over the British rebate.

All but about £20 million of the extra cash agreed by the council is, in fact, for agriculture. Ministers believed this should be enough to meet the bills provided the agriculture council sticks to the Commission proposals which they have been arguing over the past two months.

Sri Lankan army sent to riots

From Our Correspondent Colombo

Army units are to be sent to assist police commandos trying to control Muslim-Tamil riots in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province, the Cabinet decided yesterday.

President Jayewardene was also reported to have ordered that all entrances to the province be blocked to prevent outsiders getting in to aggravate the violence.

Fifty people have been killed and an estimated 25,000 are homeless in the rioting.

Speaking after yesterday's meeting the Cabinet spokesman, Mr Anandatissa De Alwis, angrily denied an allegation by Mr Saviamoorthy Thondaman, leader of the Indian Tamil community, that gangs from Colombo had gone to the Eastern Province in buses and two Jeeps to attack Tamils.

Nervous calm in Ahmedabad

From Michael Hamlyn, Ahmedabad

A nervous calm held this sprawling mill town yesterday following the horrendous spasm of violence which left at least a dozen dead and 10,000 displaced from their homes.

In temporary camps of angry refugees accusations of police involvement in the brutalities were freely bandied, while on the streets police and the army patrolled deserted roads and lanes.

The Chief Minister of Gujarat state, Mr Madhavsinh Solanki, in the temporary hotel bedroom-like comfort of the Circuit House where he holds court when away from his newly-built capital Gandinagar, asserted that he felt his position was not under threat, and that peace would now return.

"I don't consider at any stage that there has been any failure of the Government", he told me. "The state Government is fully confident that it can handle it and bring it to a happy end. That is peace and normalcy. It sometimes takes time."

Back in the refugee camp the people were not so confident. Sadia Khan, aged 12, thinks that her parents are dead, killed in the early morning by hooligans who raided homes and shops. She wonders how she will manage to look after her brothers and sisters, aged between nine years and six months.

Sarifa Bibi from the same Muslim community in Indranagar, 30 years old but looking 40, said she had been kept up all night by fearful rumours. Then, she said, the hooligans came in police lorries and started looting and burning. The police opened fire on the poor Muslims and many died.

The police, naturally, tell it differently. Yes, they did open fire, admitted Deputy Commissioner J.-Mahapatra. "Sixty-four rounds were fired at mobs on both sides", he said.

Because the Muslims were so nervous of attack they gathered in large crowds armed with bill hooks, spears, axes and guns. When equally nervous Hindus also got into gangs the Muslims began firing at them. The police fired back. They also fired at the Hindu crowd to disperse it.

It is clear that the mistrust and fear of both communites have long roots and will not truly disappear, no matter how calm affairs seem to be on the surface.

In the last big communal uprising here in 1969 more than 900 people died.

The present trouble grew out of the so-called anti-reservation agitation, which had Hindus and the higher castes protesting at the increased opportunities which were being reserved for such as the dairymen or barber castes.

Spanish MPs vote for airport improvements

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The Spanish Government has been advised to improve airport landing and take-off control systems by an all-party parliamentary committee investigating two crashes at Madrid's Barajas airport at the end of 1983, in which more than 270 died.

The findings were supported by a majority vote of the ruling Socialists when debated by Parliament yesterday.

The Opposition blamed continuing government incompetence for the conditions that caused the accidents. The Socialists in turn complained that the Opposition had played party politics with air safety, in the process hurting the country's tourist industry.

A minority finding, voted for by the right-wing Popular Alliance of Señor Manuel Fraga and the Centrists, maintains the accidents would not have occurred had it not been for the "chaotic organization" then prevailing at Madrid airport.

The airport did not then have "and still does not have" the guidance and movement control system required by the International Civil Aviation Organization for airports, a Catalan MP charged.

The recommendations, evidently designed to spare the Government as much embarrassment as possible, do however urge stepping up expenditures on civil aviation in Spain as well as giving air traffic controllers retraining and better working conditions.

The Socialists, who had been in power for a year when the accidents occurred, argue that any deficiencies at airports must stem from decisions taken during the years when the present Opposition parties were in office.

Pension cut plans split Socialists

From Harry Debelius Madrid

A plan to reduce the social security deficit by cutting pensions pitted the Socialist-led General Labour Union (UGT) against Spain's socialist Government yesterday.

The trade union threatened to stage protest demonstrations all over the country unless the social security reform plan was "substantially improved".

The cabinet has been considering the plan for several weeks but has not yet revealed how deep the cut will be.

The minister's promises, that present pensions would not be diminished, were not enough to satisfy union leaders.

A resolution, passed on Tuesday by the UGT's federal committee, expressed the union's "most profound disagreement" with the Government, and implied that it has no intention of trying to negotiate.

The resolution called for protest activities in every province.

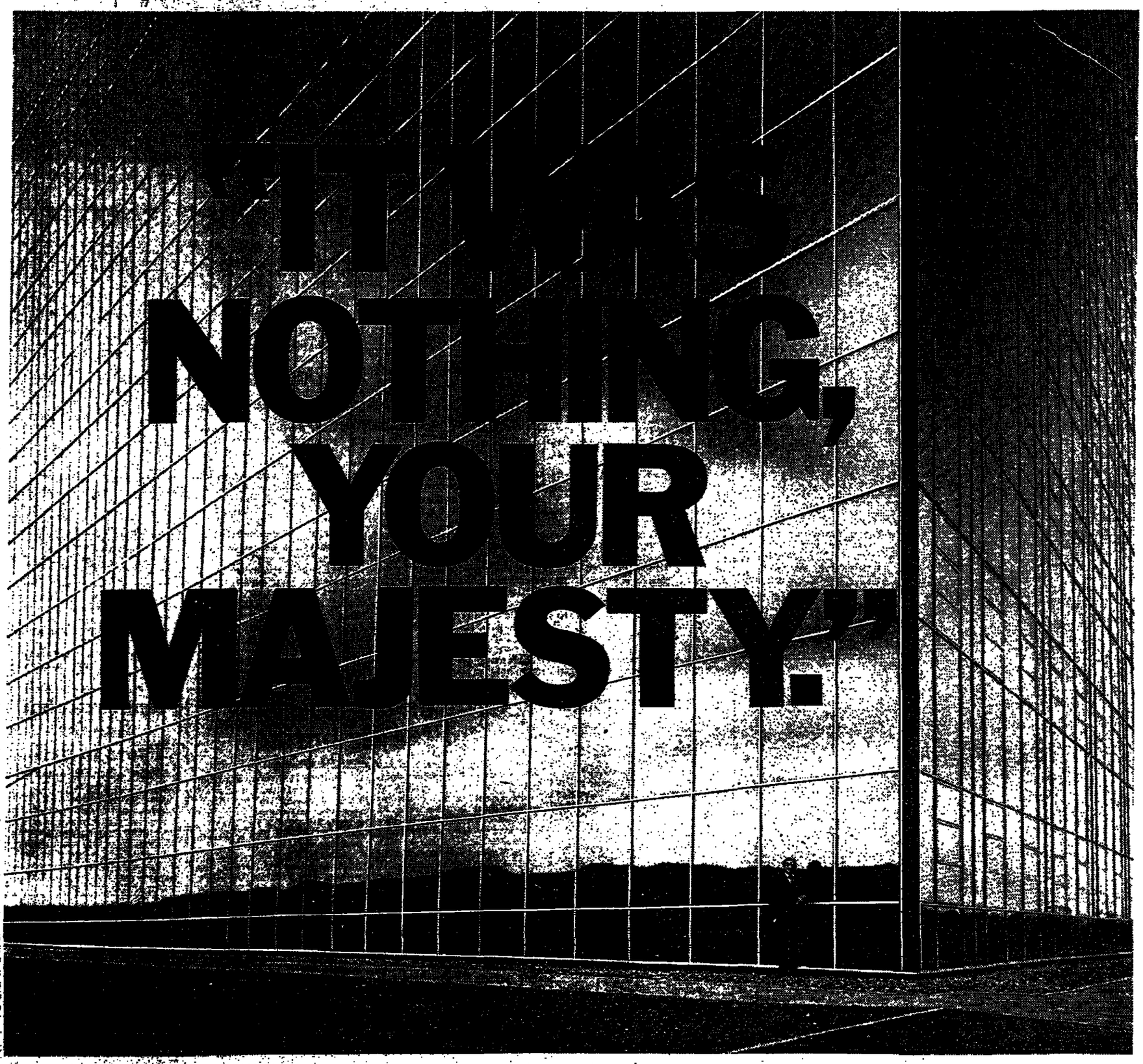
Weaker $ essential for Swedes

Stockholm (Reuter) – The Swedish Government yesterday forecast an improved trade balance and an increased gross national product, but said it could only hope to reduce inflation this year if the US dollar dropped in value.

In a supplement to the 1985-86 budget, the Finance Minister, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, announced a further reduction in the deficit, but said that because of the dollar Sweden's 1985 balance of payments would be deeper in the red.

Bankers called the forecast one of the last chances Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, would have before the September 15 general election to catch up on the opposition in opinion polls.

Mr Feldt said the battle against inflation had to remain the core of economic policy. The Government's target of cutting inflation to around 3 per cent from 8.2 per cent in 1984 could still be achieved, but only if the dollar fell



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The Nicholson incident

Washington steps up war of words with Moscow

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States has warned Moscow that continued Soviet refusal to deal responsibly with the bitter row over the recent killing of American Major Arthur Nicholson by a Soviet sentry in East Germany would have "adverse consequences" on their future relations.

The White House spokesman, in a lengthy and tough statement, said that Major Nicholson's death on March 24 was "a senseless, unnecessary act, which raised questions about orders provided to Soviet military personnel throughout the world".

But the spokesman declined to say whether these consequences might include a refusal by President Reagan to meet Mr Gorbachov, possibly at the UN General Assembly in New York later this year.

The controversy over the Nicholson affair worsened this week when the Soviet Embassy here challenged the accuracy of an earlier official American statement that it had promised not to use force or weapons against members of the US military liaison mission in East Germany in the future.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, entered the war of words on Tuesday by accusing the Soviet Union of lying about an agreement reached on April 12 between top American and Soviet military commanders in Potsdam aimed at preventing a recurrence of such incidents.

Mr Weinberger is furious over Moscow's failure to apologise and to pay compensation to Major Nicholson's widow and his child.

The Soviet Embassy statement said that Moscow reserved the right to use force against unknown intruders found near Soviet military installations.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said on Tuesday night that the United States was asking Moscow to clarify the embassy statement. He described the Soviet reaction as equivocating, surprising and disappointing.

The New York Times, in a report from Bonn published yesterday, quoted a Western intelligence source as saying that Major Nicholson, aged 37, who spoke Russian, had carried out an earlier mission in which he sneaked into a Soviet tank and photographed the interior.

The source, who has intimate knowledge of the operations of the unit to which the major was attached, said that in what was described as a "specially planned operation" Major Nicholson took advantage of the drunken revelry of Soviet troops on New Year's Eve at an unidentified base in East Germany.

The source said that the American officer slipped into a tank shed and photographed "not the very latest one, but almost".

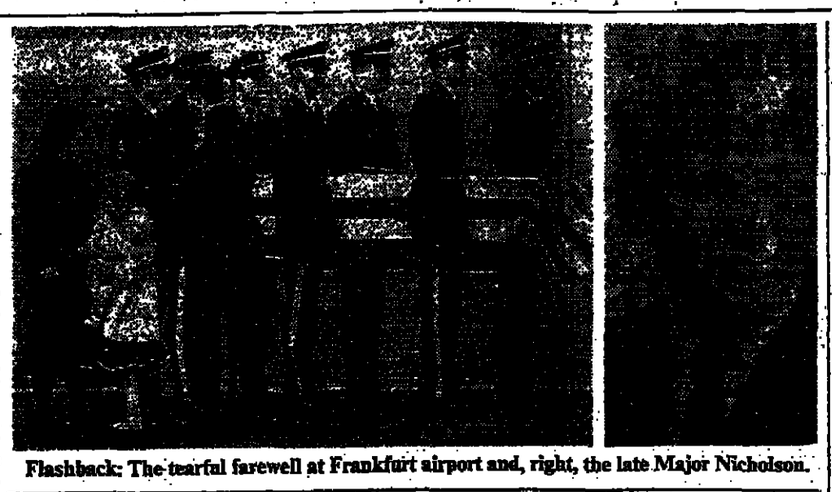
● MOSCOW: The American charge of bad faith against Russia for "equivocating" over its pledge has caused anger in Moscow, although there was no immediate Soviet comment (Richard Owen writes).

The Russians are clearly angered by Mr Weinberger's blunt accusation that Moscow was "lying" when it said it had agreed not to use force against identified American military liaison officers but reserved the right to shoot at unknown intruders.

The row is one of several causes of tension between Russia and America, and comes at a time when the East-West atmosphere appears to be deteriorating after hopes of detente following Mr Gorbachov's election as Soviet leader.

"We seem to be heading back to hostility and confrontation," said one western diplomat, referring to the latest round of tit-for-tat expulsions between Britain and Russia. Mr Gorbachov's gloom over the Geneva arms talks at Tuesday's plenum, and Soviet anger over American accusations that Moscow is stepping up the fighting in Afghanistan and has sent Russian servicemen to help the Sandinistas against "contra" rebels in Nicaragua.

The Americans have already cancelled a trip to the Soviet Union by a group of officers from the National War College at Fort McNair, near Washington, because of the killing of Major Nicholson, and there may be other cuts in an already sparse programme of superpower exchanges.



Flashback: The tearful farewell at Frankfurt airport and, right, the late Major Nicholson.

The arms race

Britain may get $4bn US order

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The US Army is to make a final decision shortly on the purchase of a multi-million dollar high-technology battlefield communications systems. It now seems likely it will opt for one based on the British Army's Ptarmigan system, designed by Plessey.

Pentagon officials and senior Congressional aides were favourably impressed by British Army demonstrations of the Ptarmigan system, in West Germany earlier this month.

The contract, worth in excess of $4 billion (about £3 billion), will be the biggest single procurement of electronic equipment in the Army's history. Under it the Army will buy a modern tactical battlefield communication system – known as Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSC) – to equip five Army corps consisting of 15 divisions.

A desicion in favour of the Ptarmigan would represent a vitory for Plessey over a rival French system known as Rita which has been developed by the nationalized electronics giant Thomson.

Because of the problems found in the past by European arms manufacturers in selling equipment to the US armed forces, both companies have formed a consortium with an American partner.

A key factor in determining the Pentagon's choice will be the amount of contract work that will go to American companies.

Thomson made the most generous initial offer by saying that American companies would get 60 per cent of the work. However, the Rockwell-Plessey team has come up with a proposal which provides for 70 per cent of production to take place in the US.

● LONDON: Concern about the possibility of funds for conventional and nuclear weapons being diverted into work on the American strategic defence initiative "Star Wars" programme has been expressed by General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

In an interview with *Jane's Defence Review*, General Rogers said: "I am just concerned that if from now on we turn all our attention to SDI, we then fail to undergird our efforts in the more mundane areas such as sustainability of conventional forces and modernization of nuclear weapon systems."

The Bitburg row

Senate leader tells President not to go

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan came under growing pressure yesterday to call off his planned visit to the West German military cemetery at Bitburg next month, with Senator Robert Dole, Republican majority leader in the Senate, aiding his influential voice to those calling on him to find an alternative site.

Administration officials conceded, however, that the only way the decision to lay a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery could be reversed without seriously offending the West German Government would be for Chancellor Helmut Kohl to initiate a change in the President's itinerary.

Herr Peter Boenisch, the chief spokesman for the West German Government, said yesterday that Chancellor Kohl was determined to go ahead with the Bitburg ceremony.

Concern among the President's advisers about the political damage Mr Reagan has suffered from the furore over his planned visit to a cemetery containing the graves of Nazi SS soldiers has been heightened by a *Washington Post* poll. This shows that the President's approval rating has fallen to 53 per cent, its lowest level since October 1983.

Among those said to be deeply disturbed by the political damage which the President has suffered is Mrs Nancy Reagan. She is reported to have urged him to call off the cemetery visit.

Senator Dole, the most prominent member of Mr Reagan's party to have called for the visit to be cancelled, said on television that he had made it clear to the White House that, "I think it's a mistake".

Missile protests

Anti-cruise MPs freed

Brussels (AP) – Four members of the Belgian Lower House of Parliament who had illegally entered a nuclear missile base and been arrested on the spot were freed yesterday, a judge reported.

Meanwhile, the Belgian Senate ordered the release of three senators also arrested for entering the Florennes air base, where 16 US cruise missiles are deployed.

Earlier on Wednesday, the European Parliament President, Mr Pierre Pflimlin, asked the Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans, to obtain the release of a Belgian Euro-MP.

All those detained belong to Belgian environmentalist parties which oppose deployment of cruise missiles in Belgium. Their action on Sunday was a protest against the prolonged arrest of 12 pacifists who broke into the missile base on April 12. They have since been released. According to Belgian law, MPs are deprived of parliamentary immunity when caught on the spot.

Reagan's greatest policy defeat

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The congressional mauling of President Reagan's plans to resume aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas, his greatest foreign policy defeat, has thrown his bellicose policies towards the Sandinista government into disarray, and raised serious questions about his ability to push through other elements of his hard line Central American strategy.



The Democrat-controlled House of Representatives voted 248 to 180 late on Tuesday against a watered-down version of Mr Reagan's proposal to give $14 million this year to the rebels, who operate from camps in Honduras close to Nicaragua's northern border.

The Republican-controlled Senate voted 53 to 46 in favour of the plan – a not unexpected outcome, a mere sweetener for the crushing defeat inflicted minutes later in the lower chamber. Almost to the last minute, the White House battled behind the scenes with Congressional leaders to rescue something from Mr Reagan's tattered policies, without avail.

The defeat is likely to have wider repercussions for Mr Reagan's overall authority, which most analysts expect to wane as he moves further into the final term of his presidency. One of the more intriguing questions is why he staked so much on an issue he was almost bound to lose.

Just 75 minutes before the Senate voted, the President delivered his final shot – a three-page letter couched in conciliatory language, promising to renew direct US talks with the Sandinista Government. Bipartisann talks in Mexico between senior Nicaraguan and US representatives were broken off in January, by the US.

The letter, delivered hurriedly to Senator Robert Dole the Senate Republican leader, who read it to the chamber, promised that the Administration would press for a ceasefire between the Sandinistas and the guerrillas, followed by peace negotiations mediated by the church. It said the money would be used "only for food, medicine, clothing, and other assistance for (the rebels) survival and well-being and not for arms, ammunition and weapons of war."

The House rejection of the plan was far more decisive than the Administration had expected.

The House was last night debating two other plans – one from a Republican congressman that varied little from the scheme already rejected, the other a Democratic proposal providing $14 million in "humanitarian" aid to the region, but not to the rebels. The plan specifically excluded any role by the Central Intelligence Agency – the conduit through which $80 million flowed directly to the rebels' war machine from 1981 to 1984.

The Administration now has limited options in maintaining the political and economic pressure on Nicaragua. President Reagan said in his letter to the Senate that he would "favourably consider" the use of economic sanctions as a way of pressuring Nicaragua to enter talks with the rebels.

● MANAGUA: Nicaragua welcomed the House's rejection of renewed aid to the rebels (Alan Tomlinson writes).

The Managua Government characterized the decision as "a contribution to the achievement of peace", while lamenting the vote in the US Senate, which conditionally approved the aid.

"Independently of what some congressmen may think about the Sandinista people's revolution, what has been debated in Congress is whether or not the US Government is disposed to adapt its international conduct to the norms and principles of law", the communique said.

Rejection of aid by the House was "a first step in restoring the lost credibility of the US as a "serious and responsible member of the international community".

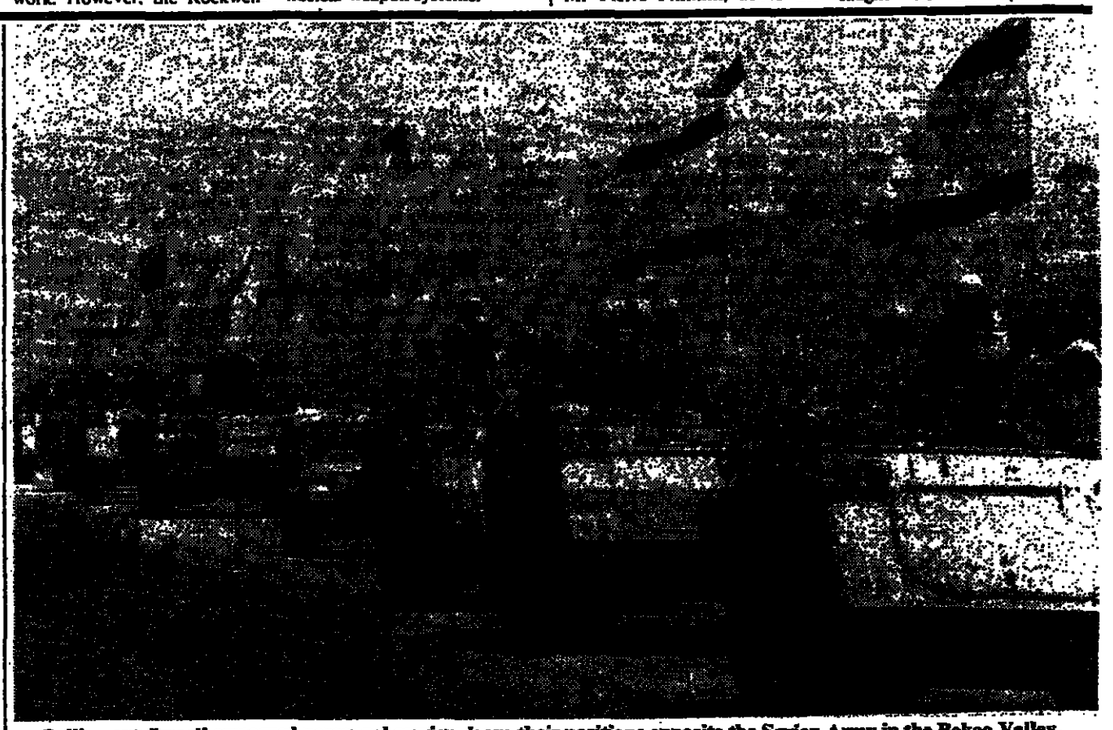
● MEXICO CITY: President Reagan's defeat is being interpreted here as a victory for the Contadora group, whose principal articles of faith call for an end to foreign military intervention and a reduction of the arms build-up in Central America (John Carlin writes).

"Contadora is against the Contras", was the one terse, but obviously satisfied, reaction yesterday of the chief spokesman at the Mexican Foreign Ministry.

Mexican government officials had been angry at President Reagan in recent weeks. The President's energetic lobbying for more aid to the Contras was being perceived as a direct snub to efforts by the Contadora group – Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Venezuela – to revive its flagging Central American peace initiative.

● MOSCOW: President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua will visit the Soviet Union this month, Tass said (Reuter reports).

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Pulling out: Israeli armoured personnel carriers leave their positions opposite the Syrian Army in the Bekaa Valley.

Big Israeli pullout leaves allies isolated

From Robert Fisk, Nabatea

The Israeli occupation army in southern Lebanon seemed set to abandon the port city of Tyre by the weekend, possibly as early as tomorrow morning, after withdrawing thousands of men from its front line opposite the Syrians in the Bekaa valley and from the central Lebanese mountain chain yesterday.

Columns of Israeli tanks, armoured vehicles, Jeeps and ammunition trucks wound down the narrow roads, of the Bekaa and out of the mountain town of Jezzine where Israel's former Christian allies are now isolated amid territory controlled by Druze and Shia Muslim militias.

So thinned out have the Israelis become along their front line south of Nabatea that in the five bases they still maintain outside Tyre, their total equipment last night comprised only three Merkava tanks, 20 armoured personnel carriers and a handful of lorries and Jeeps with just 220 men to guard them.

Around the town of Hasbaya in eastern Lebanon, however, the Israelis remained in considerable numbers last night and there was growing evidence on the ground that the "buffer zone" which Israel intends to establish in southern Lebanon would be much larger than originally thought, containing perhaps a section of the Litani river immediately south of Nabatea.

Israeli leaders gave a warning that the Syrians should not take advantage of Israel's withdrawal in the Bekaa and move south of their present front line. Syrian troops made no attempt to do so, merely waving through their lines a column of Lebanese Government Army lorries and armoured personnel carriers that were greeted in the newly-vacated areas by crowds of civilians throwing rose water and rice in the traditional Lebanese greeting.



Syrian tanks and heavy anti-aircraft guns remained dug in around the village of Sultan Yacoub as the Lebanese soldiers drove southwards, watched by a group of plain-clothes Syrian intelligence agents.

In their departure yesterday, the Israelis also gave up their artillery position at Yanta, from which they could shell the suburbs of Damascus, and their radio and radar base 6,000 feet up the Barouk mountains, a complex from which they listened not only to Syrian but Soviet radio traffic out of Syria.

Israeli Cobra helicopter gunships flew low over the Bekaa as the last Israeli troops drove out of their front line positions – a rampart of earth that stretched across the entire valley floor like a First World War film set – down to their new line. They still occupy approximately 482 square miles of Lebanon.

Latest United Nations estimates suggest that the enclave, which will be run by pro-Israeli gunmen but in which the Israelis will be free to move around, will stretch from the mouth of the Iskenderun river south of Tyre, to Rashaf in the Irish UN batallion area, to Beit Yahoun, Bradchit in the Irish UN area and then up to the Qaqiyat bridge over the Litani, bisecting the Finnish UN battalion's area. The line, UN officers believe, would then cross the Litani, move around Nabatea and turn east towards Hasbaya.

Such a line would cut the United Nations force in southern Lebanon into three, possibly four, sectors. If the guerrilla war against Israel and its Lebanese militia allies continues some UN units, including the Irish and the Finns, could find themselves in a very dangerous position.

Having permitted Israeli soldiers and plain clothes intelligence men to move through the UN zone for two and a half years, arresting civilians and blowing up houses, the UN is going to have to decide whether to give identical free passage to anti-Israeli guerrillas who are, after all, Lebanese.

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Trial delay for Britons in Nigeria

The two Britons arrested last May and charged with stealing a plane in Nigeria had their case postponed until May 13 by a court in Lagos yesterday (Richard Dowden writes).

Last week Mr Angus Patterson and Mr Kenneth Clark, both engineers, applied to have their case set aside, on the ground that it had already been heard, but the judge in that court said he would give a ruling on May 7. Another judge, in yesterday's hearing, said he would have to wait for the first court's verdict.

Clothesline spree ends

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Amsterdam police are to hold open days today and tomorrow for women to reclaim clothing stolen by a man who spent two years taking women's garments from washing lines.

At the man's home police found 168 brassieres, 174 pairs of knickers, 78 dresses, 43 skirts, 59 nightdresses, 66 swimsuits and bikinis, 49 pairs of tights and a bag full of stockings.

Zambia shuffle

Lusaka (AFP) – President Kaunda of Zambia replaced his Prime Minister Mr Nalumino Mundia, and appointed a new head of the country's ruling party in a reshuffle of top posts. Mr Kebby Musokotwane, formerly Minister of Education, will be the new Prime Minister.

Zanu death

Harare (AFP) – An official of Mr Robert Magabe's ruling Zanu party has been bayonetted to death by anti-government dissidents at his home in Buvuma in Matabeleland South province.

Impromptu kiss for Princess from Florentine

By Our Foreign Staff

More than 5,000 people filled the Piazza San Giovanni in the centre of Florence to see the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday, despite cold and drizzly weather.

The Princess, wearing a white wool suit with a black velvet bow tie, was presented with flowers by a young unemployed man in the crowd, who kissed her hand as she paused.

The Royal couple visited the city's fourteenth-century cathedral but were unable to get a clear view from inside the huge cupola because of scaffolding erected for restoration work.

Later the Prince and Princess visited the church of Santa Croce near by where Michelangelo is buried, and which houses statues of the philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli.

Crowds throng town for Neves burial

From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

The small town of São João Del Rey in the mountains of Minas Gerais state was almost overwhelmed by the tens of thousands who came to pay their last respects to President Tancredo Neves, when he was buried there yesterday, beside other members of his family.

Despite the crush – the town's 80,000 population was more than doubled – there was no repetition of the hysteria that occurred earlier outside the Governor's palace in Belo Horizonte, where a crowd of several hundred thousand pushed down the guard rails in their anxiety to see the body. At least five died, and more than 150 were injured.

A worse tragedy was only averted by the widow of Senhor Neves, Dona Risoleta, making an impassioned appeal from the palace balcony, assuring the crowd that they would all have a chance to pay their respects. An estimated 100,000 queued all night to file past the body, as 40,000 had done the previous night in Brasilia.

As well as five heads of state, Mme Danielle Mitterrand, the wife of the French President, whom Senhor Neves had seen during his short tour of Europe in January, travelled to Brasilia for the memorial service, which was attended by representatives of 80 countries.

The team of 28 ministers chosen by Senhor Neves is expected to hand its resignation to President José Sarney today or tomorrow. It is understood that all will be confirmed in their posts for the time being, though some ministerial changes are expected later.

Red Cross hot line for Press in peril

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A more definite role for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in protecting journalists "on dangerous professional missions" will emerge ultimately as a result of the two-day round table convened by the committee at a conference centre at Mont Pèlerin.

As a more immediate interim step, a "hot line" procedure is to be established through which the ICRC can be informed immediately of critical situations.

According to figures put before the meeting, more than 500 journalists, including photographers and cameramen, have been killed, or murdered, on assignment since the Second World War.

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EAST-WEST TENSIONS

Gorbachov's tough speech

Soviet criticism of US augurs badly for summit

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's attack on American "negativism" at Geneva, and his charge that the United States discuss space weapons, augur badly for the prospective Reagan-Gorbachov summit in September, diplomats said yesterday. But they added that the Soviet leader's tough speech at Tuesday's Central Committee plenum – his harshest yet on arms control – was probably aimed above all at tomorrow's Warsaw Pact summit in Poland. The meeting will reinforce pact unity and Soviet bloc anti-Western vigilance, themes also expected to dominate Victory Day celebrations in Moscow on May 8 and 9.

The Soviet leader is emerging swiftly as a formidable opponent for Mr Reagan. His speeches since coming to power in March combine fast footwork on East-West issues with a radical reform programme at home.

Mr Gorbachov scarcely has been seen on Soviet television since he came to power, yet already his personality is unmistakably stamped on the Kremlin. At the plenum, reported extensively in yesterday's press, he was able to propel three close allies, General Viktor Chebrikov, the KGB chief, Mr Yegor Ligachov, responsible for personnel, and Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, in charge of economy, into the Politburo, increasing the membership at a stroke from a depleted 10 to 13.

Mr Grigory Romanov, once his rival, is now isolated. As if to symbolize Mr Gorbachov's dominance, television showed his wife Raisa, smiling and applauding in the audience at Monday's Kremlin meeting marking Lenin's birthday.

The only drawback, it seems, is that Mr Gorbachov is not yet able to ease out Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, who will be 80 next month. On the other hand, Mr Gorbachov has enough members of his team in place to control policy, and the Deputy Premier, Mr Geidar Aliyev, is a like-minded ally.

Mr Aliyev made a remarkable speech at the Lenin birthday gala, calling for drastic economic change and praising the "great Russian people" for transforming Russia into a modern state.

Russians were impressed last week by Mr Gorbachov's unexpected walkabout, when he visited a school, a factory and a housing estate and dropped in on an obviously apprehensive working-class couple for tea.

At the plenum, Mr Gorbachov admitted "quite a few difficulties" in the economy, complained that change was "sluggish" and demanded decentralization and promotion of young people to raise living standards fast.

It was as much this promise of a Gorbachov consumer boom which attracted public comment as the attack on American imperialism for trying to dominate the world or Mr Gorbachov's accusation that America had not tried to seek agreement during the first round of Geneva arms talks.

"It will be a rough ride between now and September, with more attacks on Reagan before then", said one intellectual. "But the Soviet Union will return to Geneva at the end of May, after the recess, and Gorbachov said he did not want a recurrence of the last breakdown. More important to us is whether he and his new team will turn all this talk of urgent reform into reality, or whether it will still be just talk by the time the party congress meets in February next year."



Briefing for Nato

Slow going in Geneva, say Americans

Two of the American negotiators at the Geneva arms control talks, Mr Max Kampelman (centre) and Mr Maynard Glitman were greeted yesterday by Mr David Abshire, the United States Ambassador to Nato, when they arrived in Brussels to brief Nato permanent representatives.

With Senator John Tower the negotiators gave what diplomats described as "a very full account" of progress in the talks (Frederick Bonnart reports from Brussels). Their statements were covered by the confidentiality rule that both the Americans and Russians have imposed on themselves, but diplomats said neither side's position had shown much movement.

The first round of negotiations was said to have been "probing", but it was said to be clear that there was little flexibility in the Russian position. Soviet negotiators expected the American side to make concessions, in particular to make a firm link between strategic nuclear arms and space defence. The talks will resume on May 30.

A substantial number of new SS20 missile bases were under construction in the western Soviet Union, Mr Richard Burt, the American Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, announced in a separate briefing on intermediate range missile negotiations.

Although some older bases were being closed in the central Soviet Union, new bases were being erected further east and west, which was expected to give greater accuracy to the missiles due to be deployed in them, possibly on the conclusion of the Soviet moratorium in November.

Tit-for-tat diplomacy

Russians warn of more for the firing line

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The Russians revealed yesterday that in addition to the three British diplomats who are being expelled from Moscow, a number of others had been warned about their conduct.

In the first Soviet mention of the "tit-for-tat" expulsions announced in London on Monday, Tass said Moscow hoped Britain "would in future abstain from unjustified actions against Soviet representatives in Great Britain" to avoid putting obstacles in the way of "the normal development of relations".

The British Embassy in Moscow confirmed the Tass report, which clearly implied that Moscow would expel further British diplomats – and possibly other resident Britons – if Britain ordered any more Russians out the country and thus continue the tit-for-tat expulsion spiral. The Embassy declined to say how many more Britons had been warned, or give their positions.

There are fears that Moscow could in any case expel two further British officials to even the score. So far five Russians – four diplomats and an Aeroflot official – have left Britain, but only three British diplomats have been told to leave Russia by May 6. They are the naval attaché, the assistant naval attaché, and the second secretary (scientific).

The fact that the Kremlin had refrained from mentioning the expulsions for two days was initially seen as a sign that it wanted to play down the incident in order to limit the damage to Anglo-Soviet relations, which *Pravda* recently praised as "vigorous" and fruitful.

● LONDON: The last two Soviet diplomats to be expelled from Britain left Heathrow for Moscow yesterday, still protesting their innocence (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

They were Mr Oleg Belaventsev, a third secretary and Captain Victor Zaikin, deputy naval attaché – who left wearing full uniform.

At the airport, Mr Belaventsev said he had tried to do everything possible during his stay for "mutual and beneficial" co-operation between Britain and the Soviet Union.

"I have met people – ordinary people – who have wanted improved relations. In the Commons Sir Geoffrey Howe said he would like to improve relations – but this is not the way to do that."

Meanwhile Sir Geoffrey, in a speech at Guildhall, referred to the Government's "firm and unwavering" commitment to the establishment of confidence and security relations with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. Despite their differences the two sides had real interests in common which they should seek to discuss, he said.

Sihanouk under pressure from Asean to stay

Bandung, Indonesia (Reuter, AFP) – Non-communist South Asian countries are to ask for Prince Norodom Sihanouk not to resign as head of the anti-Vietnamese Cambodian guerrilla coalition, a senior Asean official said yesterday.

The official, who asked not to be named, said Asean – the Association of Southeast Asian Nations – would ask the coalition Prime Minister, Son Sann, to appeal to Prince Sihanouk.

Prince Sihanouk said in a telegram to French correspondents in Peking yesterday that this was the his third offer of resignation since last year. The other two had been rejected by his allies in the three-sided coalition, he said. He had asked to resign because of ill-health and because he needed time to write his memoirs.

News of the resignation offer surprised delegates at the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Africa-Asia Bandung Conference.

Son Sann, who heads the Khmer People's Liberation Front and represents Cambodia at the meeting, said there were differences in the coalition but he did not expect Prince Sihanouk to resign at this stage.

The United States has also expressed hopes that Prince Sihanouk will stay on.

At yesterday's opening of the Bandung conference, President Suharto of Indonesia warned the West that prolonged backwardness in the Third World would lead to disaster for industrialized nations.

He said that the only way to close the gap between advanced countries and the developing world was to establish a new international economic order.

Chun set for warm visit to America

From David Watts
Tokyo

President Chun Do Hwan of South Korea begins the second visit of his presidency to the United States today with south Korean-American relations at their highest point for almost a decade, despite trade frictions.

President Chun was one of the first foreign heads of state to visit the United States after Mr Reagan took office. Mr Reagan made a highly publicized visit to South Korea in 1983 which cemented the relationship between two leaders with similar political views who share an abhorrence of communism.

Those shared views and President Reagan's commitment to the security of South Korea were symbolized by his visit to the demilitarized zone.

The North Korean threat will be one of the most important elements of the meetings between the two leaders along with the evolution of democracy in the South.

The Americans have been urging for some time a more democratic style of government on President Chun. With the return from self-imposed exile of Mr Kim Dae Jung earlier this year and the February elections which turned out to be a bonanza for President Chun's opponents, his hosts can be expected to give him high marks.

North Korea has recently strengthened its ground forces confronting the South and moved them closer to the demilitarized zone, reducing Seoul's warning of an attack still further. At the same time the North has been testing newly-delivered Soviet Scud ground-to-ground missiles.

The South's concern is not so much about an all-out invasion from the North but low-key attacks and provocations which could create an aura of danger and instability abroad which might persuade foreigners to stay away from the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

South Korea will start taking delivery of American F16 jet fighters later this year and is awaiting congressional approval for the sale of a second batch

Peru poll board chief shot

Lima (AP) – The President of Peru's National Election Board, Guillermo García Rada, was shot and wounded yesterday, by guerrillas who ambushed his car as he rode to his office in Lima's San Isidro district.

The outgoing President Belaúnde Terry went to see Señor García Rada in hospital as soon as he was told of the attack, which came as the board was still checking the results of the April 14 presidential election.

Nicola raped

Hongkong AFP – Police said that Nicola Myers, the 18-year-old British girl who was murdered with her school friend Kenneth McBride in a park here was raped before her death from multiple head wounds. McBride, aged 17, was strangled.

Gas leak

Arras (Reuter) – The driver of a tanker whose lorry was leaking a highly dangerous chemical drove on for eight miles to avoid endangering the town of Bapaume he was passing through. Twenty-two people including the driver, were taken to hospital after contamination by the toxic gas released from the chemical.

Dowry toll

Delhi (Reuter) – At least 556 Indian women in 1984 were murdered by in-laws disappointed by the size of their dowry, despite a ban on payment of dowries and government calls for severe police action, Parliament was told here.

Mine disaster

Toyko (AP) – Eleven miners were killed and five others injured by fire and smoke in the Mitsubishi coal mine on Takashima, an island seven miles south-west of Nagasaki.

Luzon quake

Baguio, Philippines (AFP) – A violent tremor and its aftershock injured at least 11 people and cracked the walls of several buildings in this mountain city in Luzon.



Warsaw Pact summit

Wrinkles on the face behind the iron mask

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Mikhail Gorbachov arrives in Warsaw this week makes his first trip outside the Soviet Union since his Kremlin accession, leading a caravan of East European party chiefs, government officials and military top brass to the Radziwill Palace in Warsaw to renew, with a flourish and a rattling of ploughshares, the Soviet bloc's "defensive" alliance.

The Warsaw Pact was signed in the same palace almost 30 years ago, with Albania as a co-signatory and China as an observer, during a conference for peace and security in Europe, rapidly drummed up as a reponse to the admission of West Germany to Nato. Out of the political realities of East Europe emerged a formal military alliance, dominated – as was the conference – by the Soviet Union and its nuclear and conventional might.

Equipment disparities between members and adherents of the Warsaw Pact, 1984

	Soviet Union	East Germany	Poland	Total
Tanks	8,500	2,100	3,450	10,050
Combat aircraft	488	359	675	1,473

	Bulgaria	Hungary	Romania	Total
Tanks	1,300	1,200	1,200	3,800
Combat aircraft	188	145	318	651

Source: Military Balance 1984/85

Since then the alliance has become a complex creature. Its reliance on Moscow as the main initiator and producer of arms and the main arbiter of military strategy has saved the alliance some of the internal anguish experienced by Nato, but as the East European allies have grown more confident and sophisticated, so disagreements with Moscow have multiplied.

There are three principal military problems facing the pact. The first is the issue of internal democracy and consultation; the second over the regional disparities between the northern and southern tiers of the pact; and the final dilemma is how to reconcile the modernization of armies with stagnant economies.

● Internal democracy: Article 8 of the Warsaw Treaty emphasizes that the pact is based on the principle of equality and sovereignty of its members.

Significantly, Hungary emphasized this part of the treaty when it recently announced its intention to join in the renewal of the alliance (almost certainly for 20 years; the original treaty was valid for 20 years; and was then automatically extended for a further 10). Other members of the alliance, including East Germany, believe there could be more consultation built into the pact.

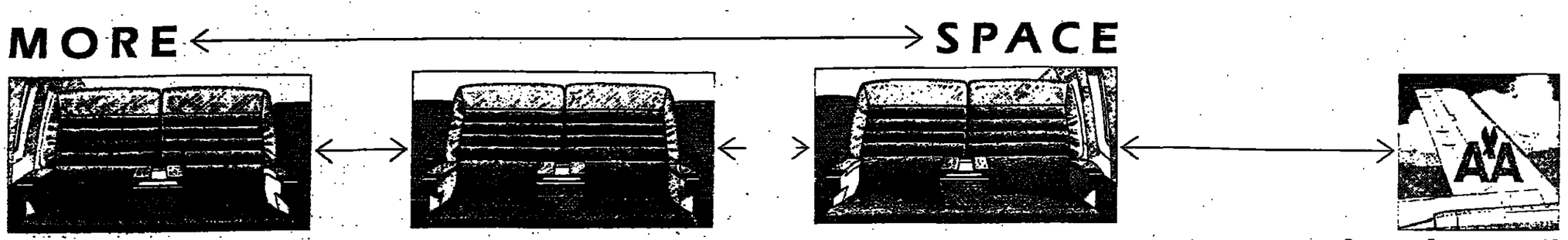
Romania, its military significance in the pact reduced to a sliver, plays the internal democracy card for all it is worth. It wants a greater say in everything: in Eastern missile initiatives, in re-equipment, in invasion strategy. But it has almost no bargaining power left, having virtually withdrawn from the military structure of the alliance.

● Regional differences: The Soviet Union still considers the northern tier – Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Poland – the most important to its defensive-offensive strategy. The southern tier – Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania – are seriously neglected by contrast. The result has been a carping tone in the armies of those countries who, though they have Soviet-trained general staffs, feel they have been reduced to second-rate forces.

● Economic problems: As the Warsaw Pact commander-in-chief, Marshal Viktor Kulikov, makes his rounds of the bloc, his most frequent complaint is that the allied armies are not modernizing quickly enough. In the southern tier, the generals can respond that they are simply not getting enough assistance, but in the north the generals have to shrug their shoulders and explain that the economy has put certain unavoidable limits on their growth.

These differences are just below the surface of the pact. They form part of the regular communication between Moscow and its allies, and on a case-to-case basis they are dealt with amicably enough. Fuel shortages, disagreement over training time, gaps in manpower, are technical issues, also affecting Nato, that can be solved by soldiers with patience and negotiation. But the pressure is strong for structural changes that will give small countries in the pact the right to take part in international policy making.

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Where two worlds meet in one man

The Times Profile: The Aga Khan

Who is the living Muslim leader that most people in the West have heard of? I suppose it must be Khomeini, but the runner up would surely be the Aga Khan.

The difference is that whereas most people in the West would spontaneously associate Khomeini with Islam, and vice versa, many of those who have heard of the Aga Khan probably do not even know that he is a Muslim, still less that the community he leads was historically the extremist branch of Shiism (Khomeini's was the quietest, non-political branch).

What do people know – or think they know – about the Aga Khan? That he is a hereditary religious leader from the East whose people's devotion provides him with fabulous wealth which he spends on a lavish western life-style including the ownership of many famous racehorses. What could be less "Islamic" than that?

Some gossip columnists even go so far as to assert that his people regard him as a "living god". Nothing could be less Islamic than that, since the central tenet of Islam is that "there is no god but God".

That one should be knocked on the head right away. The Ismailis who look to the Aga Khan as their Imam are Muslims. Like other Muslims they believe that there is only one God and that Muhammad is his messenger, who received the final and complete revelation of divine truth in the form of the Koran. Like other Shiites they believe that Muhammad designated his cousin and son-in-law Ali as Imam, to provide guidance for the faithful after his death, and this Imamate was passed on to his direct descendants with each Imam designating his successor from within the family.

Twelve or perhaps 15 million Ismailis today – he himself admits he does not know how many – believe that His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan is the 49th Imam in a continuous line traceable all the way back to the Prophet.

They are scattered over more than 25 countries, mainly in Asia, Africa and the Middle East but with a sprinkling in the West including some 15,000 in Britain – mainly East African Asians who came here after Idi Amin expelled the Asians from Uganda. It is for their use that the new Ismaili Centre in South Kensington, which Mrs Thatcher opened yesterday in the Aga Khan's presence, is primarily destined.

The Aga Khan himself is a British subject, as was is grandfather and predecessor, Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan, who held the Imamate for 72 years (1885-1957) and was a major figure in British India. Yet his father, Prince Aly Khan, was Pakistan's ambassador to the UN and he himself was born in Geneva, brought up in Kenya and Switzerland, attended an American university, and now lives in France – in convenient proximity to the racing stables at Chantilly, though he denies that this is the reason why he is there.

> "My racehorse enterprise must be self-sufficient"

He insists that the personal wealth left to him by his father and grandfather is quite distinct from the "institutional wealth of the Ismaili Imamate" – the latter being used exclusively for communal and philanthropic purposes. "In fact the things that I have been associated with in the industrialized world actually have been fortuitous – not even," he says with a chuckle, "the things that I would necessarily have chosen.

"I mean, for example, my grandfather died in 1957. He left the bloodstock to his eldest son, who was my father, and three years later my father was killed in a car accident. There was no question of my ever having owned bloodstock, but when my father was killed he had three children – two boys and a girl – and the question was what happened to that family tradition. And I must say I hesitated for about six months whether I should keep the bloodstock interests or not.

"Ultimately I set myself what I hope was a reasonable response: first of all, it was a tradition that had been in the family for three generations, and a very successful tradition. I think to have just ignored that might not have been right.

"Secondly, two criteria: one, the activity had to be self-sufficient in management terms, and it had to be self-sufficient in material terms. Therefore, it takes a minute amount of my time. Economically it is a self-sufficient enterprise, and that's the way it's run, it's an independent thing.

"The same thing is true of my involvement in Sardinia. It was a fortuitous thing: I bought myself a small piece of property with a group of 12 or 15 people, and as events turned out it turned out to be a major development there. But I didn't say to myself 'your role in life is to do these sort of things' and in fact they don't take a large amount of my time."

So why live at Chantilly? "After my grandfather died I resided for a number of years in Switzerland and I had an office in the mountains. Then, as work grew I had an office in Geneva. Then I had an office in Paris. Then I had a office in Brussels – and the reason for those offices was, frankly, essentially due to the fact that, because of the international spread of the community, I needed a large number of people from different parts of the world working with me, and some of the practical things in life can be very difficult. Labour laws in Switzerland simply don't enable you to work with a large international staff, which is what I required.

"So then I decided, all right, probably France is the most appropriate place in the western world, (a) because my family had been there before, (b) because it is a country which is well regarded within the Islamic world, always had a strong relationship with the Islamic world."

But would it not be more appropriate for an Islamic leader to live in the Islamic world? The option was considered, but "it seemed to me that institutionally it was better to have a country that was in a stable part of the industrialized world where I could achieve a certain number of objectives which would have been very difficult if I were located elsewhere.

"First of all, I needed to be politically independent. Had I been somewhere in the Third World there probably would have been some form of association, in image if not in fact. Secondly, I think that what my grandfather was able to do was to bring a lot of knowledge from the industrialized world to his community.

"So I decided ultimately to bring all these offices together."

> "Muslims have been too much influenced by the West"

But working with "a relatively rapidly growing organization" in a major city also proved to have its practical difficulties, "so it seemed to me that it was much more logical to move the organization outside Paris, close to the two airports.

"I really have the capability to have my office grow as I need. It is extremely functional – at least I shouldn't say that myself but I think it is very functional – and it's given the institution of the Imamat the capability to be much more effective."

He rejects the idea that France is part of *dar al-harb* – the "house of war" as opposed to the "house of Islam" in traditional Islamic terminology. "Be careful: I am living in a country where the people practise a monotheistic faith. They are called within Islamic terminology *ahl al-kitab* (people of the book) and, if I'm not wrong in my history, it's perfectly acceptable for *ahl al-kitab* to live within a Muslim environment and vice versa, so I see no problem there.

"Don't forget also that the community has its structures throughout the developing world, so it has its leadership; secondly I visit these countries regularly; thirdly communications are genuinely easier today."

He also refuses to see any problem in the fact that the Islamic world in recent centuries has been overtaken and even dominated by the Christian or post-Christian West. "I don't view the message of Islam in terms of competitiveness among faiths. I don't think that's an Islamic concept. Islam has taken into its body, into its society, people who have been non-Muslims, and it has leant upon them fairly extensively, and many of the great scientists were people who originally may have been Christian, or Jewish, or whatever they were, and subsequently became Muslim.

"I don't think this concept of the predominance of Islam in the sense of being victorious in material terms has got anything to do with Islam at all. What the message of Islam says is that Islam is the final revelation, the final form, of monotheism to man, but it doesn't reject the previous messages of monotheism."

He agrees that many Muslims today feel they have been too much influenced by the West and need to reaffirm their own identity. But, he asks, "is that a rejection of the faith of the West, or is it a rejection of the society of the West? What it is saying, I think, is that there are certain aspects of 20th-century society outside the Islamic world that it does not wish to inherit, it does not wish to absorb" – including, "things which in the industrialized world some consider freedom, others even within the industrialized world itself consider licence."

> "His secret choice of successor has already been taken"

Does he mean sexual licence, for example? "I wouldn't even talk about that. I mean I think there are many professions where there is a feeling that the freedom to be irresponsible has gone too far." An allusion to the journalistic profession? He laughs. "Certain professions."

What about the Muslim attitude to women? "I think it's a question, really, of the way women behave in modern society – and the way men let them behave in modern society" (another chuckle). "I think it's a question more of the social relationship between man and woman than it is anything more – I would say – brutal than that.

"For example when you look at what is being said to be Islamic, what is really the issue – isn't it an issue of decency? More than anything else it is what is an acceptable relationship in society between man and woman. . . I don't think Islam says that a woman cannot be a good entrepreneur or cannot be competent in any field she wishes to choose."

From this he does not exclude positions of command. But what about the Imamate itself? Could we one day have a female Imam? "I would doubt that. . .because if you look at the revelation ever since the Prophet Muhammad, it has always been the men who have been hereditarily the people who are answerable – just as I doubt very much whether a woman could ever be a pope or anything like that." But this would not apply to political functions – a woman President of the Republic is quite acceptable.

For the moment, though, it seems safe to assume that his secret choice of a successor – which will be made known only on his death – falls on a male member of his family. The decision is already taken – "I have to have that decision: I don't know when I will die" – but it can be changed. "I can change that until the last day of my life."

Edward Mortimer

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His Highness Prince Karim Aga Kahn: 'It's perfectly acceptable for me to live between East and West'

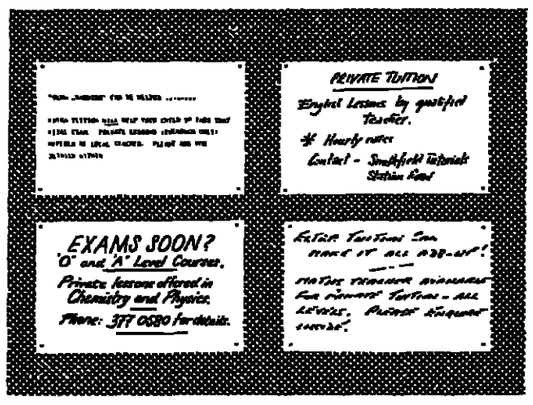
BIOGRAPHY

1936:	Born December 13 in Geneva, son of Prince Aly Khan and Princess Joan Aly Khan. Early childhood in Kenya, then nine years at Le Rosey School, Switzerland.
1957:	Succeeded his grandfather as Imam.
1959:	Graduated from Harvard (BA Honours in Islamic History).
1960:	Father killed in car accident.
1967:	Established the Aga Khan Foundation.
1969:	Married Begum Salimah, nee Sarah Croker Poole.
1970:	Birth of Princess Zahra.
1971:	Birth of Prince Rahim.
1974:	Birth of Prince Hussain.
1976:	Established Aga Khan Awards Foundation.
1979:	Established Aga Khan Programme for Islamic Architecture at Harvard and MIT.
1982-83:	Silver Jubilee.
1983:	Opened international Aga Khan University in Karachi.
1984:	Established Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development.

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The best of Britain's long-distance footpaths





KNOWLEDGE FOR SALE?

This week, The Times Educational Supplement reports on the growing industry of private tuition. It is extremely difficult to estimate how many full-time teachers do private tuition in their spare time. However, one nationally organised tuition agency claims that of the 12,000 or so tutors on its books, around 40% are full-time teachers. Apart from those employed by the many, sometimes dubious agencies, there are also numerous individual teachers who advertise in shop windows or local papers. Taken all together, at the £7 or £8 an hour that is the going rate, it amounts to tens of millions of pounds of extra earnings — almost all of it undisclosed to the Tax-man.

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Simon Napier Bell describes how the pop band he manages made an historic tour

How Wham! hip-hyped into China

Peking is bustling with a new energy. Hand-painted billboards are advertising everything from computers to clothing. The clapped-out taxis of a few years ago have been replaced with new Datsuns and Volvos. Overseas companies are financing construction work all over the city: the Germans are building factories, the Americans hotels, and the Japanese are selling consumer goods. But until now Britain has been totally left out.

As soon as Wham!'s concert had been arranged, I talked with the British Embassy; pop music has been one of Britain's most successful exports and I wanted official support. Sir Richard Evans, our ambassador, agreed to attend the concert. That meant the Chinese had to match him with someone from their side. From then on the whole affair was upgraded. It was no longer a rock concert, it was a political event.

The Chinese leaders we met were mostly from the privileged middle-classes of the 1920s and 30s: left-wing intellectuals rather than working-class revolutionaries. Full of charm and diplomatic finesse, many of them had studied at foreign universities. And it is obvious that they no longer wish China to be isolated. They're highly aware, highly intelligent, and intent on change.

They know the arrival of western youth culture is inevitable, and they must have thought they would benefit from the hoo-ha we would create from being the first group into China. The acceptance of rock music is good propaganda. It gives confidence to all those overseas investors with billion-dollar projects in the pipeline. But also, allowing Wham! to play in China was a genuine part of the government's new policies.

Recently *China Youth Daily* said: "Play is also a form of production. Only with an adequate amount of wining and dining and fun and games will the productive power of the workers be restored." Even so, Wham!'s concert was treated with great caution. Usually, when a foreign performer appears in Peking, a government directive tells the audience: "Enjoy it and learn". Before Wham!'s concert, the audience was told: "Enjoy it but DON'T learn"

Despite this strange warning, China is beginning to look like a real market for western recording artists. The government has seen that the way ahead is through giving people incentives. As a result, the shops are full of previously unseen consumer goods; jewellery, cosmetics and electrical products.

Business is booming, and that goes for record shops too. Cassettes sell for around £2, and although that makes them a luxury, it is no more than the cost of a meal out or a new shirt. There are two hundred million people between 18 and 34 who can make that choice about once a month.

Dancing, including disco dancing and rock'n'roll, has received unqualified government approval. Peking's mayor opened a city-wide dance competition saying: "Social dancing strengthens the body and tempers the spirit". Villages are now persuaded to run local dances and the government provides instructors to teach the latest steps. Even the army is offering its recruits free instruction in how to get down and boogie.

Obviously if the government approves of disco dancing it can hardly disapprove of disco music. But at the moment, what's available in the shops is unsophisticated and locally made, reminiscent of the worst of Eurovision songs.

In the major cities, dance-halls play the same western disco records that are heard everywhere else in the world. People can dance to them and are not disapproved of. Central Committee member Hua Xiong, who sat with me at Wham!'s Peking concert, said his daughters never stopped dancing to western disco music and were now teaching him.

Nevertheless, no foreign records are available in the shops because the bureaucrats who deal with such matters find it hard to keep up with the government's fast-moving new policies. Wham! wanted to be the first western pop group with records on sale in China, and eventually I discovered that the Cultural Exchange Departments of local provincial governments had freedom to release recordings by any visiting artist who donated concert receipts to a local charity.



Wham!'s George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley on the Great Wall: the first western pop group to play in China

The most liberal and forward thinking province is Canton. Its proximity to Hong Kong has created a sophisticated attitude to business. The Cultural Exchange department agreed that if we played a concert in Canton they would release Wham!'s record and pay us a royalty. It was the first time ever that the Chinese had agreed to a full royalty arrangement, and it would set a precedent that was essential if China was to become a viable record market. However, in order to tie the deal up we had to play a concert in Canton, and to do that we first had to get an official invitation to play in Peking.

Eventually I managed to get an invitation from the All China Youth Federation. The arrangement was that we would pay for everything, even the rent of the hall, the construction of the stage, and the printing of a free programme. The Youth Federation would take 100 per cent of all income from the sale of tickets. Financially it was a terrible deal, but as part of an overall plan to get records into China it was just what we needed.

In planning the venture we made sure that Wham! were well known in Canton, where the record would first go on sale. Over six months we had encouraged as many Hong Kong artists as possible to make Cantonese cover versions of "Careless Whisper". These Cantonese versions became very popular and were broadcast continuously. Since Canton picks up Hong Kong radio, that guaranteed us both good record sales and a successful concert.

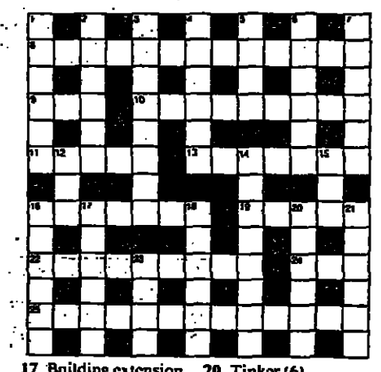
However, in Peking Wham! were not known at all. Ticket sales would be no problem: an announcement that a western pop group was to play a concert would sell any hall ten times over. But, for a large part of their show, Wham! rely on audience participation, so we decided to give away 15,000 cassettes, one with every ticket. Besides teaching the audience the songs, it also established that there was no official disapproval of Wham!'s record. And it made the cassette a valuable commodity. Fifteen thousand young people had it: two hundred million didn't.

People started queing the day before tickets went on sale. It was unprecedented for Peking. By midnight there were five hundred people, by the next morning, several thousand. In three hours the tickets were all gone, and by four in the afternoon cassettes were being bartered and re-sold all over Peking.

Last week, Wham!'s compilation record was released. The initial manufacture is 600,000 units, which we expect to sell in Canton alone. Another will be released on May 1. The overall potential is vast.

As we left the hotel in Peking, George Michael pointed to something and said, "Look, that sums up the whole trip perfectly". It was a stone statue of a Chinese dragon, and somebody had shoved a Coke can in its open mouth. Perhaps, when they invited us, the Chinese failed to realize it was not just music they were letting in; it was the whole mechanism of music-industry hype.

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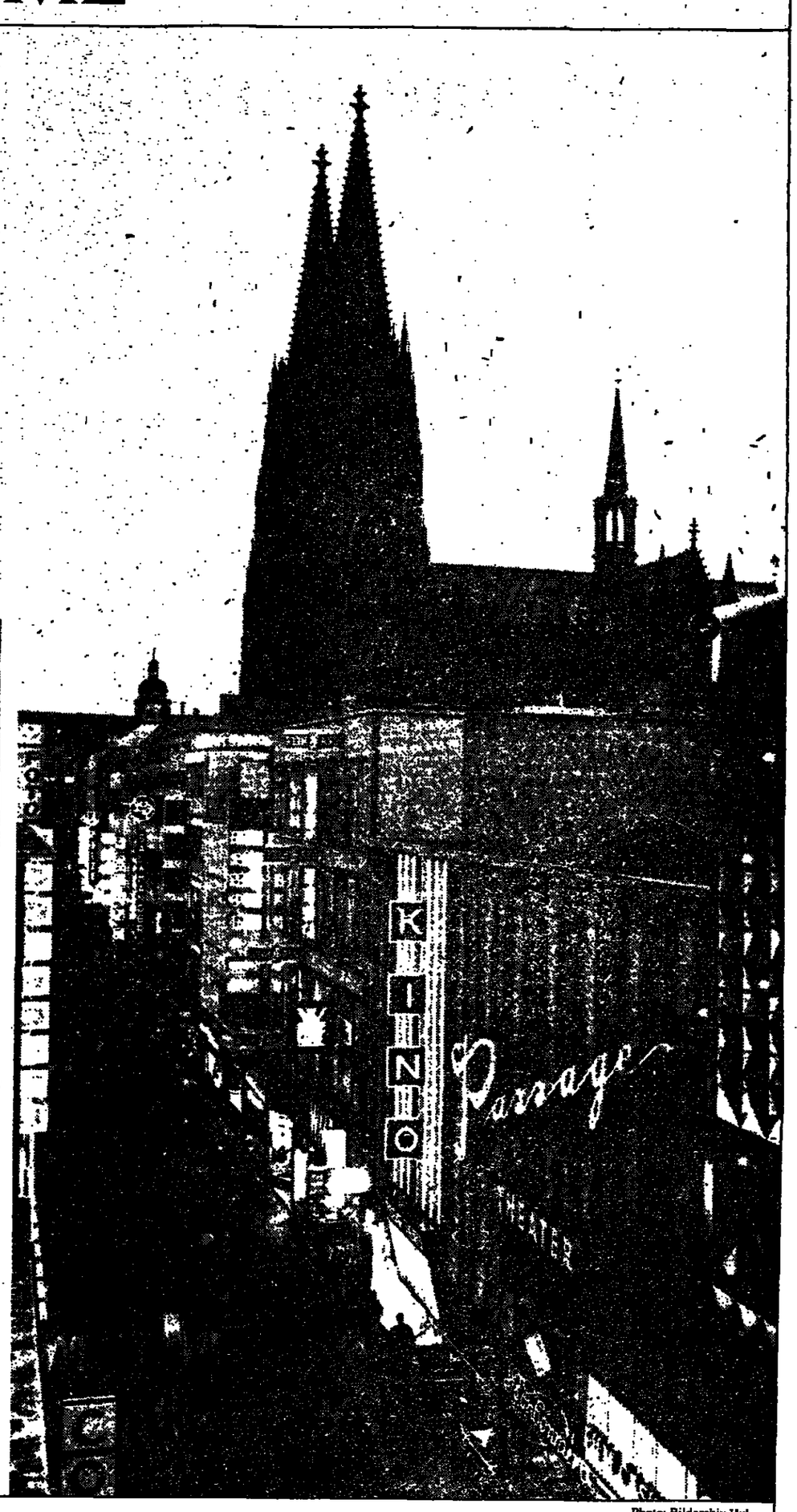


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Phoenix rising

TIME Magazine commemorates VE Day by reflecting on forty years of peace, prosperity and problems.

VE Day marked not only the end of one of history's greatest catastrophes, but the beginning of one of its greatest miracles. In its cover story this week, TIME Magazine surveys both the astounding successes and the sometime failures of postwar Europe.

TIME observes that the profoundest change resulting from the war is in the way Europeans see themselves. The power they wielded for centuries passed, on May 8, 1945, to the Soviet Union and the United States. The end of the war initiated forty years of material gain. But, for many, a mere consumer society is an inadequate substitute for the old sense of national identity.

But TIME goes on to say that by buying each other's products, reading each other's books, even sharing each other's disappointments in the present, the nations of Europe are discovering common cause. They are building economic, cultural and social ties that may one day lead to political union.

TIME also appraises the two great European anomalies: Germany divided and hoping for reunification without being sure that it is possible or even desirable; and the East Bloc, caught between Western influence and Soviet domination.

History for one generation, memories for another, TIME's very comprehensive overview celebrates the 40th anniversary of VE Day by celebrating human endeavor, achievement and courage.

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More goes into it.

THE ARTS

Television

Chasing perfection

Ballet and television have a very peculiar relationship. When the marriage is good, as it was in Natalia Makarova's **In a Class of Her Own** (Channel 4), the camera's illusion of intimacy seems to be able to unlock the psychological mystery of the dancer's art.

The first half of last night's programme was devoted to watching the ballerina work with Irina Yakobsen, a newly-arrived teacher from Russia who could rehearse Makarova in the pure classical technique in which she was trained, but which had grown a little blurred in the West with divertissements like the musical *On Your Toes* as well as a broader ballet repertoire.

Such a class, said Makarova, was like going to confession, but the sins for which she performed penance seemed very small. There was a touch of torsion in her shoulders, a little fluffiness in the feet, not enough tension in the knee or the stomach, too much turn-out here and not enough there. Together the two women chased these invisible imperfections in a sequence which every ballet teacher in Britain doubtless preserved on videotape.

In the second half of the programme Makarova talked about her art and improvised with the choreographer Roland Petit as a preliminary to the creation of a new ballet. Then she moved into the realm of sheer magic, and showed us how she created some of the great classical roles.

No sooner had she said the name Giselle than one hand dropped, the opposite arm swayed in sympathy, and she became that sad romantic spirit. "I've done every bird in the ballet business", she joked, then turned her arms into big swan's wings and explained how she made her back "breathe" as Odette/Odile.

Of course, she did not really explain. There is no logical explanation for this phenomenon of physical expression, for the feet can fold as crisp as origami paper one minute and flow across the floor like melted butter the next. But for once the camera added to the mystery.

Celia Brayfield

Rock

Ironic nostalgia

The Kinks
Birmingham Odeon

With the Davies brothers now the only remaining original members, the Kinks have become more than ever a vehicle for the gentle irony and peculiar whimsy of the songwriter Ray Davies. Through the Sixties, his finely drawn vignettes of the happy and harsh sides of English life, whether crossing Waterloo Bridge bathed in a rose-tinted sunset or facing the grim realities of life in "Dead End Street", were touchingly apposite and direct.

Despite the inclusion of newer compositions, this unusually brief performance was inevitably a nostalgic occasion. Even comparatively recent songs such as "Don't Forget to Dance" and "Come Dancing" conjured sad, sweet images of a bygone era when people sometimes danced in couples, and groups played less loudly.

Unfortunately this reflective mood, combined with a badly-paced running order, led to a rather aimless concert and, as songs drifted one into another, a distinct lack of urgency became apparent.

Several times Ray Davies played a tantalizing snatch of "Lola" (perhaps their most popular song from the past) in an attempt to whip some life into the less-than-capacity audience, but even this old trick failed to generate much excitement, and in the end the band did not even bother to play the song.

It was only when they came back for a barely earned encore that the old fire returned, and as they performed a string of their earlier songs – "All Day and All of the Night", "I Gotta Move", "Till the End of the Day" and "You Really Got Me" – the guitarist Dave Davies played with his former assurance and the group finally seemed to have woken up.

Ray Davies left the stage vowing to return next time with "an album, a hit single and a full house". It would indeed be gratifying if they did, and under such circumstances it is hoped they might turn in a performance more in keeping with their undoubted abilities.

David Sinclair



Donald Cooper

Silencing all doubts: Juliet Stevenson's bewitching Rosalind with Hilton McCrae's Orlando

Theatre

A heroine in magical harmony

As You Like It
Stratford

With this production the Forest of Arden follows the Athenian woodland of Peter Brook's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and falls under the axe.

For the past decade directors of *As You Like It* have been alert to some central riddle in the play enshrined in the definition of Shakespeare's Arden. On point-blank response, I am not sure that Adrian Noble has completely unlocked the puzzle, but he has certainly aimed at the heart of the play and devised a new unifying stage image into which most of its elements fit like a glove.

After a gale-battered opening scene for the feuding brothers, the show moves into the interior of the Ducal Palace and stays there for the rest of the play. We are in a grand antechamber draped in dust-sheets (one of them disclosing Nicky Henson's lurking Touchstone), and when the runaways set out on their journey the dust-sheets are simply spread out over the furniture to suggest a winter forest.

Bob Crowley's set makes no attempt to simulate woodland. The image is simply that of a playground. The draperies are used for dressing up, for concealments and to supply surprise exits. Meanwhile the ornate chairs and carved mirror are still in view, sometimes included in the action. "There is no clock in the forest", Orlando says, with the ducal grandfather clock still standing by the back wall, waiting to resume its ticking when the action has run its course.

In the meanwhile, time stands still in a retelling of the old fable on the proximity of human happiness. There is no need to go journeying for experience (as Rosalind tells the wandering Jaques) only to remove the dust sheets from your daily surroundings.

Thus Duke Frederick is doubled with his exiled *alter ego* (Joseph O'Conor) and the courtiers of the opening scene reappear in the forest cloaked in white over their dinner suits. And when Jaques makes his last exit it is through the mirror-frame which then resumes its ordinary powers of reflection.

Whatever pastoral elements this approach excludes, it is precisely in harmony with the heroine's line of development. Rosalind begins as the prisoner of a stifling court and discovers her real powers through playing games. Her role is all masquerade and dressing up; and if there is one thing that silences all doubts it is Juliet Stevenson's performance.

She begins as a rather plain, downcast girl, very much the house-guest of Fiona Shaw's sharp-eyed Cilia; then she gets into a white suit and begins to discover herself, first in teasing clown routines with Hilton McCrae's Orlando, and then entering deeper waters where neither she, her lover, nor the audience can tell truth from masquerade. I have never seen their late dialogues played with equivalent erotic force; nor seen the mock-marriage take on such sacramental qualities.

The main loser in the production is Alan Rickman's Jaques, a no-saying figure so at odds with the production's line of thought that he is confined to a rat-like leer, and to over-elaborating his solos as unsupported arias (for instance, needlessly characterizing every figure in the seven-ages speech).

Mr Henson's Touchstone emerges with Audrey (Mary Jo Randle) as a vaudeville double act, later joined by hulking, trunk-carrying William who inadvertently knocks him into a downstage stream, real water flowing through the room. The other rustic lovers play small part in the scheme, although I enjoyed the sight of Leslie Manville's Phebe dousing herself with water while hotly elaborating on Ganymede's points of appeal. However, it is Rosalind's evening, and no one will object to that.

Irving Wardle

BOOKS I

The muddles of a great novelist

Fiona MacCarthy

Selections from George Eliot's letters
Edited by Gordon S. Haight
Yale, £25

By the shores of the Scilly Isles, engaged in her favourite holiday pursuit of the hunting of the mollusc, George Eliot decided that the time had come to take her landlady in hand and teach her about cooking:

She seems to think eating a purely arbitrary procedure – an abnormal function of mad people who come to Scilly, and if we ask her what the people live on here is quite at a loss to tell us, apparently thinking the question relates to the abstruser portion of Natural History. But I insist, and give her a culinary lecture every morning, and we do in the end get fed.

It is this sort of letter, providing a quick insight into a quite unexpected interest of George Eliot's (somehow one had never seen her as Mrs David's predecessor), which makes Professor Haight's selection so compelling. He has chosen alongside the obvious major letters unmissable by even her least sensitive biographers some wonderful examples of minor correspondence which build up to form an accurate, inspiriting account of her domestic paternings, the tenor of her days.

She was a woman obsessed by her own ugliness. She was almost always ill: references in her letters to recurring headaches, bilious attacks, rheumatism, lumbago, alopecia, at times make this volume read like a medical directory. There is plenty in her life of distraction and dismay, including the humiliating love affairs which would have left many lesser women supine. But she manages to rise even above the social ostracism which surrounds her long liaison with George Henry Lewes, through belief in herself and a formidable self-discipline. "I have set myself many tasks for the year", she writes on New Year's Day in 1869: "A Novel called *Middlemarch*, a long poem on Timoleon, and several minor poems." She was not attuned to leisure.

George Eliot was very conscious of being a woman set apart, by force of intellect and temperament as well as social circumstances, and her sense of isolation comes over powerfully. These are novelist's letters in their almost painful intensity of observation and response: indeed the vivid sequence of letters which she wrote when wintering alone in a pension on the Lake of Geneva bears an uncanny resemblance to the ambience of Anita Brookner's *Hotel du Lac*.

She could be very caustic about other women, nastier than about men, perhaps expecting more from them. Silly women infuriated her especially, not simply silly women so much as the pretentious ones, the bluestockings she classed "along with singing mice and card-playing pigs". The women she thought well of, and wrote best to, were all people who found a role in life beyond that of domesticity, who were not subservient to the life of the affections but had found what she too wanted: "some joy in things for their own sake."

Well that was the theory. And on the whole it worked. But one of the delights of the story of George Eliot, the enormous contradiction which emerges much more sharply from Professor Haight's judicious new selection than it did from he nine-volume *Complete Letters* which preceded it, is the extent to which her firmness worked against her. Like many other women of rational conviction she possessed a high degree of emotional obtuseness which landed her in recurring situations of histrionics, melodrama, scandal.

Of this the supreme example is the scene in Venice when Johnnie Cross, a man 20 years her junior whom she had married hastily at the age of 60, to the horror of her friends, jumps from his hotel window into the Grand Canal in a sudden fit of madness and is fortunately rescued by the gondoliers.

That old British Raj

Gontran Goulden

THE MEN WHO RULED INDIA
By Philip Mason
Cape, £15

When Philip Mason (pseudonym Woodruff) finished his account of the ICS, in 1952, he had used about 400,000 words and had been in the Service 20 years. The book would have made three volumes. Cape's said cut it, and it was published as *The Men who Ruled India* in two volumes, in 1953 and 1954. He has now shortened it to one volume. A masterly double-distillation, summed up in the few words of his original dedication.

As usual Mason writes with consummate smoothness, wisdom and wit. It is still a personal view, largely about character, and fresh as ever.

Warren Hastings was the greatest ruler of them all. He said, "It is on the virtue not the ability of their servants that the Company must rely."

Philip Mason uses this as his text, and writes about the characters of the men who were the rulers, not as great men, although many became great later, but in the substance of their ability. Nurtured on a diet of "cold-baths, cricket and the classics" with pig-sticking rather later.

Half the book deals with the men who looked after India as its guardians for the future. They were recruited by open competition and were straightaway sent to a district and, within a month, were trying their first case.

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Leonard Bernstein's own new recording of *West Side Story* is sensational, star-studded – and thus controversial; but **Tatiana Troyanos** (below) must surely count among the successes: interview by John Higgins

Home on the West Side



Richard Rodgers, it is reported, wanted operatic voices when the casting for *The Sound of Music* began. Leonard Bernstein quite specifically did not when he composed *West Side Story* 27 years ago – at least as far as the chorus was concerned. "I guess we were right not to cast 'singers'; anything that sounded more professional would sound more experienced, and then the 'kid' quality would be gone." That entry comes from his diary of July 1957.

But, as most of the world knows, when Bernstein himself recorded *West Side Story* (DG 415 253-2, two CDs) he went straight for an operatic cast: Te Kanawa, Carreras and Troyanos, with Marilyn Horne making a guest appearance to sing "Somewhere". Controversy will doubtless surround Te Kanawa and Carreras, and Paul Griffiths will report on the Records Page in the Saturday section this week. But controversy has done DG no harm at all: *West Side Story*, particularly in its CD version, has been selling exceptionally well in America, Germany and, during its first couple of weeks' release, here in the UK.

The member of the cast who has been getting almost universal approval is Tatiana Troyanos as Anita. Miss Troyanos, who was in London earlier in the year to appear in a rather different Romeo and Juliet work, Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* at Covent Garden, admits that she was not the first to be cast. That was Dame Kiri. Nor indeed has she had any experience in musicals or operetta in the past couple of decades.

"At the very start of my career in the early Sixties I sang a bit in summer stock with artists like Anna Maria Alberghetti. 'Tent touring', we used to call it. But it did not last very long and I never returned to that sort of repertoire."

So why *was* she chosen? "I guess one of the reasons was that I was born and brought up in the part of Manhattan where it all takes place. I grew up in a West-Side tenement, watched the gangs, heard the noise and hated it all. I couldn't wait to get over to the East Side. I made it by the time I was 19 or 20. And I've never wanted to go back.

"During the rehearsals for the recording I was desperately trying to acquire the right Puerto Rican accent. Nico Castel, the dialect coach, suggested that I should go over to Amsterdam [Avenue], sit in a bar and just listen. It was one piece of advice I did not take." DG's photographers, however, did make their way up to Amsterdam and the upper 80s to take that publicity picture of Te Kanawa and Carreras behind wire netting which is much in evidence in the record shops at the moment.

How easy was it to make the transition from opera and lieder to *West Side*? "It was tough. I began by trying to call Chita Rivera [the original Anita, much admired by Bernstein], but she was a million miles away. My memory told me that certain numbers *were* operatic: Tony's song 'Maria', the duet for Anita and Maria. But others most certainly are not, among them 'America', which really is a number from a musical. The rhythms were tricky and I had to work at being raucous. Singing 'I feel pretty' seemed to come very easily to Kiri. But for me Anita was a role I had to dig myself into.

"What urged us all on, I suppose, apart from the presence of Lennie himself, was the knowledge that this was going to be a totally different *West Side Story*, unlike any other that has been heard before or, probably, unlike any other to be heard in the future."

So has Tatiana Troyanos now reacquired the taste for musicals? "No. I will return to my normal repertory." With perhaps a visit or two to Hamburg now that Rolf Liebermann is again Intendant there? "Very possibly. Rolf Liebermann was one of the two great influences on my career, the other being my teacher at the Juilliard School, Hans Heinz. Mr Liebermann heard me when I was a very young girl at the New York City Opera. He took a chance with me and invited me to Hamburg. 'I want you to arrive', he said, 'with a trunk and that is all. Hamburg will be your home and nowhere else.' I went."

Concerts

SNO/Järvi
Barbican

Neeme Järvi has begun to introduce Scottish audiences to the delights of his fellow Estonians' symphonies. The Scottish National Orchestra, though, has clearly decided that when at the Barbican it should do as others do: play Beethoven, Haydn and Dvořák.

Perhaps some caution was unavoidable. Whenever Järvi lifted his eyes to an extraordinary advertising hoarding, it reminded him that his music-making was courtesy of General Accident, whose slogan is "We take your risks".

Still, there were no risks, but there were no general accidents either. Beethoven's Seventh Symphony demonstrated how well the Scots are responding to Järvi in his first season as principal conductor. In the Allegretto, particularly, he secured an intense tutti sound which was never forced, and he contrasted a tense, explosive Scherzo with a sensuous, carefully blended Trio. His tendency to drive the allegros a little too hard for absolute security, and to ginger up the endings with a garish acceleration, is a trait he shares with Soviet-trained conductors. In any case, the orchestra's cohesion withstood the finale's rhythmic onslaught well.

The opening of Haydn's Symphony No 95 seemed a little dour in timbre. That, and later imbalances betwen brass and strings, seemed to suggest that the SNO, new to the Barbican, was still adjusting to the hall's acoustics.

The Haydn was valuable, however, for exposing the orchestra's sectional and solo potential. The first movement's lovely transition to the major key was effected with some piping little violin solos, and in the finale one could admire the neatness with which flutes and oboes tucked in their detail. Best of all, perhaps, was Timothy Walden's characterful playing in the Trio's rustic cello solos.

Dvořák's Biblical Songs have many memorable moments, but listening to all 10 in one sitting has its eternal aspects. The orchestration, both Dvořák's and Zamanek's, did seem problematic too often it simply swamped the Swedish singer Birgit Finnilä. A great pity; her dark veiled voice was capable of great expression in the quieter movements; here she interpreted the texts with radiant confidence.

Richard Morrison

RPO/Groves
Festival Hall

It was an evening to raise at the very least two cheers for England, Sir Charles and St George. Red roses burgeoned from buttonholes, Vaughan Williams was there at his right royal best, and the seventieth birthday of Sir Charles Groves was celebrated in grand, if somewhat belated style.

It was easy to see the reasoning behind the choice, but in some ways it was a pity that the "London" Symphony, Vaughan Williams's second and by no means his strongest, should have formed the evening's finale. Not even direction as respectfully and humbly affectionate as Sir Charles's could make the work appear to be more than a sum of albeit cunningly crafted parts. Its shortlived ideas, its aural snapshots, even its near-impressionistic brushstrokes of orchestration (Monet's view towards Big Ben surfaced irrepressibly) were only as evocative and as satisfying as an array of pot-pourris would be to a keen nurseryman.

The Royal Philharmonic's sensitive performance did its job in reminding us of Sir Charles's particular, though by no means exclusive, championship of English music. It was the greater pity that we could not have heard his Delius or his Elgar, instead of a somewhat over-earnest reading of Smetana's "Vltava" – more a vision of Old Father Thames in its pacing and rhythmic weight than of a cool mountain stream.

Berlioz's "Royal Hunt and Storm" from *Les Troyens* acted as a complementary second overture for what was obviously for many audience members the centrepiece of the evening. John Williams, who must play Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* in his sleep, was wide awake, playing a valuable part in coaxing and lifting orchestral textures, exploiting the liveliness of its wind solos and the malleability of its strings. It takes a lot to save the first movement from conjuring up the blue-faced senoritas of café walls; but the Adagio was treated with meticulous care, and its cadenza was rich enough in interest to seem a little one-man concerto all its own.

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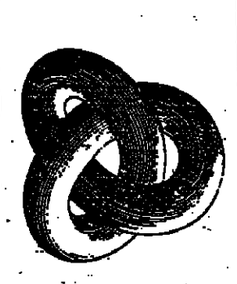
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BOOKS II

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James Fenton on Oxford's latest report on our writers

THE OXFORD COMPANION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE
Edited by Margaret Drabble
Oxford, £15

I must begin with a confession. A couple of years ago I received a letter from Margaret Drabble asking for suggestions in the line of omissions and inclusions for 20th-century poets in the revised "Companion". The letter sat on my desk, made me feel guilty, gathered dust, and after a while became obscured under a pile of other unanswered correspondence. My habit is, when these piles become too enormous to bear looking at, to move my work to another room in the house. On this occasion, no spare room was available, so I built a loft extension. Now the loft is full of letters and I am back in the kitchen. It would of course be extremely unfair to use this opportunity to complain about omissions of 20th-century poets from the revised "Companion". Still, here the book is, a striking project for a successful novelist to have undertaken. What exactly is it, and what is it for?

I imagine that most people's first acquaintance with Sir Paul Harvey's original Companion would have been at school. To be educated, you are obliged for some reason to know the difference between a metaphor and a simile. Similes are easy, but metaphors appear hard to define. Drabble retains Harvey: "The transfer of a name or descriptive term to an object different from, but analogous to, that to which it is properly applicable, e.g. 'abysmal ignorance'." Tough luck for the schoolchild who tries to retain that in the memory: the definition is hard to unravel, and the example is not a metaphor. Abysmal has lost its primary meaning. "The abyss of ignorance" would have been a metaphor, but it's too late. The essay should have been written and the school bell has rung.

Over the page, we come to Metre, an entry which should be a key to the technical understanding of English poetry. Drabble has expanded on Harvey, who obviously couldn't be bothered with the subject; but half the entry is concerned with classical and medieval precedents, which are important in their way but actually beside the point when we come to the nuts and bolts of *our* poetic practice.

The five-inch summary of English prosody ends with the sentence: "Verse in the 20th-cent. has largely escaped the straitjacket of traditional metrics" – which sounds as if it was written not for but by a schoolchild, some bright but ignorant recent convert to e.e.cummings. In fact all the masters of modern poetry in our language have been masters of metre.

You will do well with this Companion if you want to know about skaldic verse or sprung rhythm, badly if you want to know the history of our blank verse. There are five lines on rhyme. There is nothing of syllabics. If you look up *ottava rima*, you will learn that the lines had 11 syllables in Italian, and that the stanza was "used to great effect by Byron in *Don Juan*, with a 10-syllable iambic line." This is unfortunately expressed, since one of the keys to the success of *Don Juan* is its use of feminine endings to comic effect. (Another mistake inherited from Harvey.) You will do well on concrete poetry, badly on the varieties of sonnet.

So far, then, the Companion appears an unreliable guide to the student interested in the fundamentals of poetry, but it is a big work, over 1100 pages long. Drabble has emphasized the idiosyncrasy of Harvey's work, and her own version has much of her personality and interests. So we get a section of the art of biography (but nothing on the very English art of autobiography, or on diaries). Detective fiction is treated as a genre; but the thriller and the spy story are not so elevated. Kitchen-sink drama gets in; the Whitehall Farce does not. The Royal Court is in; but neither the National Theatre nor the Royal Shakespeare Company rates an entry. Obviously, even in so large a book, choices have to be made, and the thing to do with the preceding omissions is to treat them as choices. This Companion does not think that the National Theatre is of any significance for the student of our literature. Nor is the RSC. This is a point of view.

Moving from generic terms to catch-words, you would do very well with this companion's definition of Kafkaesque, but – and I think this both odd and out of character – you would be stuck for Shavian unless you knew that it derives from Shaw, and even then you wouldn't get a definition of Shavian wit. Perhaps there isn't one. I doubt you would be able to tell what people mean by Joycean. "The style labelled by popular imagination as Pinteresque" is interestingly exemplified – "nameless menace, erotic fantasy, obsession and jealousy, family hatreds and mental disturbance" – but do these wide-ranging examples pin down the *style*?

There is a spirit of seriousness throughout the companion. For instance:

The pun fell into disrepute in the 18th and 19th centuries, but was somewhat reinstated as a form of ambiguity in W. Empson's Seven Types of Ambiguity.

This is a trifle solemn and wrong. It is true that the Elizabethan use of the pun is not extrapolated into the poetics of later centuries, but if we are going to bring in Empson we might also think about Joyce and the style currently called ludic. And of course the pun has always had its unrespectable fans, particularly in the light verse of the 19th century.

I should have said more about the biographical entries. John Carey is credited with the Metaphysicals (for whom the most radical updating would have been necessary) and I have pursued his work with pleasure. But of course (and this is where the reviewing of a reference book is structurally unfair) a good entry on Donne in such a work is simply one that is full enough, and not wrong.



I'm really surprised that there is more on Kingsley than on Kipling, and that the latter entry is so downbeat. I also think that the judgement on Meredith's *Modern Love* could have been much more appreciative (and there should have been a definition of the Meredithian Sonnet). Of the moderns, my test case would be Auden, and I guess that the author here is Humphrey Carpenter. The account works excellently against the received wisdom on his development. To say that *The Shield of Achilles* is considered by many to be his best single volume may not yet be true. But I hope it will become true as the influence of this book extends.

A work so generally up to date should not believe that Bruce Page is still editor of the *New Statesman*. The word Horatian is very important and should be defined. I forbore to say this when reviewing Roger Lonsdale's anthology of Eighteenth-Century verse, but it is thoroughly frustrating to see Elijah Fenton, a distinguished poet who helped Pope translate Homer and whom Johnson thought worth writing about, being deleted from the history books. Others might think it odd that Augustus Hare never got into Harvey or Drabble. Who was Augustus Hare? That's what I'm complaining about. This is the kind of book to which I would turn for precise information about Augustus Hare. But he's not there. So I don't know.

Ghastly novels and the real thing

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MRS HENDERSON AND OTHER STORIES
By Francis Wyndham
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Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, can I interest you in *Virgins*, "a hilarious novel of Catholic girls on the brink of going all the way"? No? You do not surprise me. Most readers with IQs higher than body temperature learned long ago that so far from going anywhere, never mind hilariously, stories of high-school high jinks set in suburban America in the 1950s exhibit an almost invariable tendency to petrify into pillars of salt-encrusted vulgarity and tedium from their first cheap and cheerful sentence. " 'Let's neck,' Sean said. I yawned and said, 'Sure.' " Oh dear.

Well, what about *Virgin and Martyr*, another American import masquerading as a modern morality tale, also published this week? "A demure Irish Catholic Venus driven at high speed by the raw power of her lusts" quits a Chicago convent for a missionary career, only to have "her still living body torn apart by a chain-saw in the courtyard of a South American military barracks." Quite, madam: not the sort of thing one hopes for from reputable UK publishers at the height of the Spring Book season. No effort will be spared by the management of this column to ensure better quality control.

Let me fetch you a glass of water. Shall we try a first novel? Gloria Keverne's debut *A Man Cannot Cry*, features the "brilliant" Doctor Than Profane, even more curiously called "the Boy", who returns to "shock, lead, heal and love" a Quaker community in Northern Rhodesia as the British Protectorate becomes Zambia. 542 pages of stupefyingly banal, startlingly erotic episodes set in "the mighty continent that is Africa" go to show, sir, that any supposed contradiction between the startlingly erotic and the stupefyingly banal in English prose can here be ruled out; though not, of course, the probability that Miss Kevern might have done better in Linear B.

To be sure *A Man Cannot Cry* seems like a Booker Prize prospect by comparison with *Hurry*, ranch-hand hero of Robert Wales's "exciting and moving adventure story about the biggest cattle theft of all time"; acceptable, even welcome hyperbole for a tale of the Australian outback "loosely based on true events" until you discover (as you will, if with your eyes rolling in your head) that Harry's "ally" and partner in crime is a pedigree bull. Well might Sergeant Liddle, of the South Australian Police, form the judicious view that "it was only the incredibility of the story that aroused any suspicion of lying."

Patient readers who have not gone walkabout deserve the two books which save the day, and this week's novels, from lasting disgrace. David Harsent, whose poetry has appeared from Oxford University Press since 1969, stalks the best words in the best order in a first novel not so much romantic narrative as emotional balance sheet: a closely observed, precise accounting of yearly capital expenditure, gains and losses, in the power-play which can persist, agonizingly, between intelligent people so deeply in love that they cannot rise to the friendship which alone can ease lives merged in mutual obsession.

"At times it seemed they spoke to each other in a recondite, courtly language which required that each comment, each response, be decoded." Yes: Mr Harsent communicates en clair; and Francis Wyndham's five stories, faultlessly tailored to a stylish line in crêpe de chine manners and pre-war nostalgia, tap out a similar desolation behind "a spirit of pure hedonism which quickened the atmosphere with its promise of an extended treat."

He casts an original eye on "the infuriating innocence which can accept, and perhaps rightly dismiss as irrelevant, those minor vices (pathetic snobbery, insecure egotism, scared conventionality) which madden the more complicated and drive them to desperate measures." From *Mrs Henderson*, "aloof hermaphrodite and elegant sphinx" to a subtle study of bereavement twined round with writer's block, Mr Wyndham's is the best fiction of the week. Shall I wrap it up?

An American tragedy

Peter Martin

THE AIRMAN AND THE CARPENTER
By Ludovic Kennedy
Collins, £12.95

To see Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St Louis" hanging from the roof of the National Aviation and Space Museum in Washington is to be awed by the achievement of the man who flew this petrol bomb of a single-engined monoplane 3,500 miles from New York to Paris in 1927 and, in doing so, began the era of long-distance air travel in which we live today. To read Ludovic Kennedy's account of the way in which Bruno Hauptmann was framed, tried, and executed for the kidnapping and murder of Lindbergh's infant son Charlie is to fear that there is no such thing as justice – in or out of court. It is also to be reminded of Defoe's aphorism "I hear much of people's calling out to punish the guilty, but very few are concerned to clear the innocent."

Few now know even the outlines of the story. Lindbergh, a national hero, marries a rich banker turned diplomat's daughter. One windy night in New Jersey Charlie is kidnapped. A ransom is paid but the child is not returned. His body is found, probably dead since the night of the kidnapping. Hauptmann, a German immigrant carpenter, already living the American dream, is found passing parts of the ransom, gold and notes left with him for safekeeping by a petty crook by then dead. Convinced they have their man, the police put together a circumstantial case which lacks the essential element of any direct evidence or a confession. After a travesty of a trial, Hauptmann is found guilty and, on April 3, 1935, executed. He never confessed and protested his innocence to the end: his widow, now 86, protests it still. Since then it has become more and more of a certainty that Hauptmann was guiltless.

From his detailed analysis and by his convincing arguments Kennedy places much of the responsibility for this discreditable episode in legal history where, perhaps surprisingly, it probably belongs – with Lindbergh himself. Lindbergh's responsibility is as much indirect as it is direct.

What was the connection between these two young victims Lindbergh and Hauptmann? Lindbergh the victim of an unwelcome, godlike devotion by a proud America; Hauptmann the victim of a idolatrous society needing a sacrifice to placate its wounded god. Lindbergh, with his passion for accuracy, might have saved Hauptmann's life if he had not been so ready positively to identify Hauptmann's voice as the one he had heard, from 100 yards away, say only "Hey, Doc" in a dark cemetery where the ransom money was handed over by an intermediary.

Given the poverty of the rest of the case a jury, fearlessly directed, might have thrown it out if Lindbergh had been less certain – or even challenged by the defence on his identification: which he was not. But the runaway train of perjury finally overran Hauptmann.

Kennedy demonstrated to perfection what some know – that a vicious and uncontrolled press, dishonest police, so-called "experts", perjured evidence, incompetent lawyers, prejudiced judges, and the average jury is a combination pretty hard to beat – and it was a combination against which Hauptmann had no chance. Fifty years on it is less likely that such a thing could happen again in such a case, in the United States; but, as I read on, I wondered what might have happened in Dallas if Jack Ruby had not shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

Following so closely on Philip Ziegler's (much bowdlerized) *Mountbatten*, Collins have picked another winner with this sympathetic, humane and, above all, convincing account of an American tragedy which must not be forgotten any more than Sacco and Vanzetti, the Scottsboro' boys, or Lindbergh's exploits should ever be.

Rhetoric, vision, and toes

POETRY
Robert Nye

First published in 1959 and now made available again in paperback, Robert Lowell's Life Studies *(Faber, £2.95)* has proved to be one of the most durable and influential books of verse of the last quarter century. Its autobiographical content and confessional style as of a man talking on a psychiatrist's couch, have been much imitated. Lowell himself encouraged the view that the freer verse he achieved in these pieces should be preferred to the formal rhyming decasyllabics of his early work, and Sylvia Plath and others found inspiration and encouragement in his admissions of mental illness, and so on. It is possible to take another view, though, and find these poems thin, chatty, and over-relaxed. Even more to the point, one may notice that in such an admired poem as "Skunk Hour" Lowell merely substitutes one sort of rhetoric for another. His early poems were packed with thunder and enjambment, they postured and strutted. This postures too, only instead of strutting it cowers:

One dark night,
my Tudor Ford climbed the hill's skull,
I watched for love-cars. Lights turned down,
they lay together, hull to hull,
where the graveyard shelves on the town . . . .
My mind's not right.

The literary nature of "Skunk Hour" has been insufficiently stressed. *One dark night* calls up St John of the Cross, ten lines later *I myself am hell* brings in Milton and Marlowe. The image of the skunks in the final stanza is certainly arresting, but the structure of the poem as a whole is too flimsy to carry its ambition. Those who thrill to such a declaration as *My mind's not right* because it sounds "honest" or "direct" might be in the grip of a peculiarly modern confusion of sincerity with crudity. Above all, it seems worth insisting that in *Life Studies* Lowell did not suddenly cease to be a rhetorician. What the book sees him doing is changing the *tone* of his rhetoric.

Subsequent volumes from this poet appear to me to have confirmed this, especially another two now also made available in paperback – For the Union Dead *(Faber, £2.95)* and Near the Ocean *(Faber, £2.95)*. So how good was Robert Lowell, after all? These three books, revisited, seem to have shrunk in stature. They show a man of much talent playing a part, fulfilling a mode, belonging to the politics of literature rather too much to belong to poetry. Whether the man was ever really the major poet he aspired to be I beg leave to doubt. Perhaps every age gets the Lowell it deserves? Robert was better than his cigar-smoking cousin Amy, empress of imagism.

It must be about a quarter of a century, too, since the very different voice of Peter Redgrove began to be heard on the scene. The Man Named East *(Routledge & Kegan Paul, £4.95)* is his ninth collection, and it is full of the kind of extraordinary things we have come to expect from him. Redgrove, self-described as a "Scientist of the Strange", lives in Cornwall, in a small seaside town, and many of the poems in this book draw their imagery from wind and water, coastal strip and Cornish rock, the elemental battle he sees around him. All the same, he is nothing so simple as a Nature poet, this occult metaphysician intensely committed to his own way of thinking about the world in images – or, more truly, apprehending and recreating the process of the world in images. I've never been a wholehearted fan of Redgrove when he goes magicking, but when he leaves out the blood and shit and jewels and concentrates on saying something difficult in the simplest way he can then he writes superbly:

The blind girl points at a star.
At night, she says, when all the stars are out.
She feels their rays feathering on her face,
Like a fringe of threads.
She stands by the beehive's low thunder.

Of all living English poets he is the one most likely to surprise himself and us with a quality of pure inspiration. The work in the new book is as uneven as ever, and more in the way of poetry than individual poems, but at best there is a genuine original vision informing it.

Gavin Ewart would no doubt hate to be told that vision and inspiration were still alive and well and living in Cornwall. His The Young Pobble's Guide to His Toes *(Hutchinson, £5.95)* continues the pursuit of all things bright and frivolous which Ewart has made his own in the last ten years. Yet under this poet's delightful gift for light verse there is a very mordant mind at work, concentrated wonderfully on the eternal verities of age and sex, of birth and copulation and death. The title poem, a spirited rejoinder to Edward Lear, is very much a key one here. In Lear, it will be remembered, when the Pobble loses his toes, his Aunt Jobiska tries to reconcile him to their loss: *It's a fact the whole world knows,-/That Pobbles are happier without their toes.* Ewart will have none of this:

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Anon no more

As well as its vice-president James Lamond, who are the four other Labour MPs cited by Lord Orr-Ewing in the Lords on Tuesday as members of the "Soviet-inspired and financed" World Peace Council? He did not name them, so let me do it for him. According to the WPC's own closely guarded list of 1983 they are Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish), a frontbench education spokesman; Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North), a former frontbench spokesman; Richard Caborn (Sheffield Central); and Ernie Ross (Dundee West). Roy Hughes (Newport East), a frontbench spokesman on Wales, also appears on the list, but he tells me he has had nothing to do with the movement since attending a Moscow peace conference in 1973. And like Lamond, he dismisses Lord Orr-Ewing's allegation as "rubbish".

Chalked up

Unlike Mrs Thatcher, transport minister Lynda Chalker enjoys travelling by train – a fact that causes BR chairman Bob Reid no little anxiety. Wherever she goes *Mrs Chalker takes a little black book* in which she meticulously records the train's performance – and whenever she encounters Reid, she threatens to publish the results. Not to put too fine a point on it, I understand they rather undermine BR's latest claim that 91 per cent of trains are less than five minutes late.

No golf links

Mrs Thatcher has assured the Commons that Peter Levene, the new £95,000-a-year chief of procurement at the Ministry of Defence, will be barred "at least for a year" from discussing arms contracts with his former company, United Scientific Holdings. (USH is currently tendering for the MoD's £200m *MCV 80 Personnel Carrier* contract.) Fine. But it seems there are stricter rules for chaps further down the Whitehall tree. The Institution of *Professional Civil Servants' Bulletin* reports that regional managers of the Property Services Agency, for example, have just been circulated with a note about conflicts of interest – such as friendships with consultants, contractors or suppliers made through common membership "be it golf club, amateur theatrical group or masonic lodge." All, it says, fall within the ambit of indirect interest. Such conflicts must be reported to their bosses, and civil servants must offer to pass the matter in hand to a disinterested party.

BARRY FANTONI



'Listen, Roger, there's a rumour that you're only a nominal member'

Cultivated

Why, I wonder, should Ken Livingstone have arranged a tour on Friday of the Brent Black Music Co-operative, into which, according to a GLC press release, the GLC has put an incredible £259,019? And why, on the same day, should he be visiting Brent's *Lower Place Business Centre* to see, according to another release, "this example of cooperation between the GLC and the London Borough of Brent in fruitful action"? Perhaps because Brent East Labour Party meets on Sunday to decide whether Livingstone, or someone else, should become its parliamentary candidate.

Owen goal

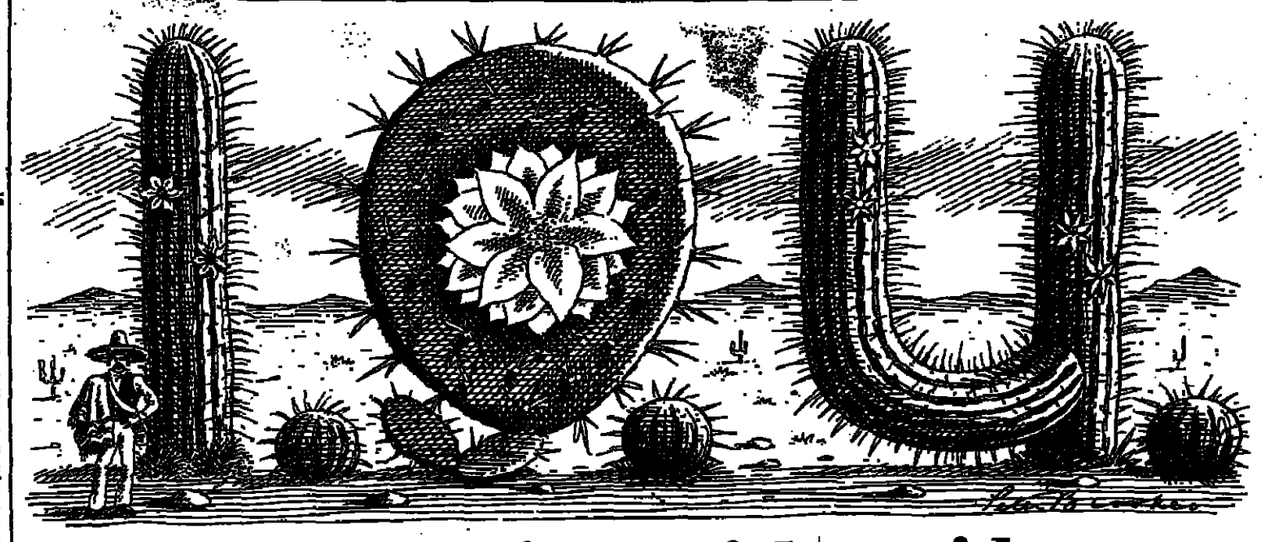
Labour will want to forget Tuesday's debate in the Commons during which Labour MPs tried to stop David Owen speaking from his *usual spot*. Not only did that little ploy misfire, but three leading Labour MPs actually voted with Owen in favour of union postal ballots. Arriving late for the vote, frontbench spokespeople Gwyneth Dunwoody and Barry Sheerman, and Renee Short, sponsored by the Transport Workers Union, all rushed into the wrong lobby. "A cock-up," admits Sheerman

No key

Pianist Moura Lympany returns to the Wigmore Hall next week 50 years to the day after she first played there to rave reviews. Now 68, and 56 years into her career ("I was a child prodigy"), she told me yesterday why she moved to Monte Carlo 18 months ago – not for tax reasons but because London landlords hate pianists. "I saw round one place in Thurloe Square and the man said he knew nothing about me, my morals or finances, but if I was a piano player I would have to get the place sound-proofed." In Monaco, on the other hand, neighbours seem to enjoy her daily four-hour practising.

PHS

Tim Congdon on the Latin American debt paradox



No credit to either side

When big international banks lent money to Latin America in the late 1970s their main objective was unsentimental: it was to make profits for their shareholders. But they also had broader and more public-spirited motives. Governments in the industrial countries wanted to integrate Latin America more fully into the world economy and to ensure that it remained essentially western in its political orientation.

It is hardly a secret that the US State Department welcomed American loans to countries such as Brazil and Argentina. Not only did such lending ease the region's balance-of-payments problems after the first oil shock but it also enabled bankers to spread the message that "capitalism is good for you". Preaching about free enterprise, which had not been particularly successful in Latin America in the 1950s and 1960s, acquired a new persuasiveness when backed by hard cash. Indeed, several Latin American countries – notably Argentina, Chile and Uruguay – demonstrated their conversion to the free market gospel by adopting "liberalization programmes", involving lower trade barriers, denationalization and financial deregulation.

Today Latin America is not so much integrated into the world economy as embroiled in an international debt morass. As Jonathan Hakim remarks in his contribution to *Latin America and the World Recession*, published yesterday by Cambridge University Press. "The business of financing development is at last seen to be more complex and long-term than many of the parties (especially the banks) have so far acknowledged." The hope that strengthened financial links would be accompanied by more open trading policies has been disappointed.

Moreover, in one important respect the boom in sovereign lending has had perverse results. Instead of leading to reduced state interference in business and a smaller role for government, the debt crisis has caused South American economies to become more interventionist, more over-regulated and more controlled. Indeed, it can be argued that the greater the determination of the International Monetary Fund and the commercial banks to have the debts serviced properly, the more powerful is the impetus to interventionism and state ownership.

This may sound paradoxical. Surely the IMF and the international banks are known for their commitment to stronger market mechanisms. How can their involvement in Latin America have resulted in a retreat from this objective? How can they have failed so completely in their evangelical task to promote the free market faith?

To understand the paradox it is essential to remember the type of lending which the international banks arranged. It was not, except to a very small extent, lending to private sector companies whose default would mean automatic losses for the banks. Instead the overwhelming majority of loans were either to governments or, with government guarantees, to quasi-governmental enterprises or institutions.

The lending boom was harmless until 1981. It could even be argued that the borrowers did well in the late 1970s because real dollar interest rates were very low – and sometimes negative. The transfer of resources to Latin America was substantial and must have been one influence behind the growth record of that period. But in 1981 the situation changed radically. As a by-product of Washington's domestic counter-inflationary monetary policy, real dollar interest rates rose to about 10 per cent and have stayed there ever since. Debts which were easy to service when real interest rates were 2 per cent have become an intolerable burden.

But, because the debts were ultimately government debts, it is the responsibility of governments, not companies or individuals, to collect the dollars necessary for the happiness, well-being and quarterly dividends of foreign creditors. This extra responsibility has given political elites, with their attendant bureaucrats and hangers-on, new pretexts for meddling with the private sector.

The processes have been various and complicated. Perhaps the most salient has been the tendency for domestic banks in Latin America to pass into state hands. In the heady days of 1979 and 1980 they were the recipients of syndicated dollar credits organized by the international banks. Argentine banks, which usually had an explicit government or central bank guarantee, were particularly eager takers of funds. The story of what they – and banks elsewhere in Latin America – did with the money is sad, but vital in explaining the continent's present financial traumas.

There seems no doubt that much of the money was lent to rich individuals who promptly left Argentina and bought apartments in Florida. In the not-so-heady days of 1981 and 1982 the banks in Buenos Aires could not get their money back and so went bust. What, in justice, should now have happened? The Argentine banks could never have indulged in their lending follies if the international banks had not provided them with the means. Surely the fairest approach would have been to share the losses in some rough-and-ready way between the shareholders of the banks in Buenos Aires and those in New York, London and Zurich.

But the international banks had protected themselves against anything so equitable, sensible and morally right. True enough, the shareholders in Buenos Aires lost the money they had invested in their own banks. (Since they were often the same people who bought apartments in Florida, there is no need to shed any tears.) But the shareholders in New York, London and Zurich lost nothing. Because of the iniquitous "government guarantees" the financially delinquent Argentine banks were nationalized and their debts became government liabilities. It fell on the Argentine taxpayer (not the fly-by-night rascals in Florida) to service them.

It follows that the harder the IMF tries to extract money on behalf of the international banks, the greater the resentment aroused by its austerity programmes; and the more powerful the opposition to the IMF and the banks becomes, the higher the probability that Latin America will revert to inward-looking, interventionist and corporatist economic policies. The eventual outcome of the lending boom and the attempted "liberalization programmes" could well be a continent more hostile to free market ideas, and less integrated into the international economic system, than before.

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Bryan Appleyard sets out the choice facing Britain's public libraries

Hard covers v software

Public librarians held a conference recently under the rather arch title "Back to Books". The humble book, they wished to hint, had perhaps suffered too much from the enthusiasm of those librarians anxious to embrace the electronic revolution who have argued that libraries are not simply stocks of books but "information resource centres" potentially able to bring the computer revolution to your neighbourhood.

Local authorities often pay lip service to this visionary role but are in no position to finance it. The ambitions inspired by the all-embracing, almost mystical significance of the word "information" are almost unlimited. Where once all human knowledge could be found in books, it now also resides in databases which can only be "accessed" by computer.

Against this background the Victorian paternalism which decreed that libraries would be a free and comprehensive service for all clearly needs modification. Today it can either be free or it can be comprehensive. No authority facing rate-capping can promise both.

But for the pro-library lobbyists this means a lost opportunity. For a start public libraries offer a way of drawing the whole country into the information revolution by making on-line computers easily available. Libraries can also be used as leisure and self-improvement centres for the unemployed, providing all the ingredients for economic and cultural self-help.

Such arguments, however, carry little weight in the current climate of public spending and the compromise generally being arrived at is the mixed economy library. By law the lending of books must be free. (The income provided by fines and reservation charges is marginal.) For other services, however, the libraries can charge as they please; for records, videos, tapes and computer time they do.

In cash terms "other income" has risen by 81 per cent since 1979. But the picture is distinctly patchy. Tory-controlled Sutton in Surrey, for example, is doing a roaring trade in compact disc hiring, but generally Labour inner-city authorities have resisted the entrepreneurial approach.

The problem for the lobbyists – primarily the Library Association, the industry's professional body – is that they are forced to put their case individually to these numerous and disparate authorities. The councils are obliged by an Act of 1964 to provide a "comprehensive and efficient service" but the only support for this somewhat airy definition is a discretionary power of intervention by the minister when the Act is judged to have been breached.

Since Lord Gowrie, the minister in question, has recently made it clear that such an intervention would have to be preceded by fairly flagrant and damaging behaviour by an authority over several years, pressing the government seems to be a waste of time. Somerset's recent decision to buy no new fiction, for example, does not seem to have produced uncontrollable rage in Whitehall.

Part of the problem is also that libraries, in public spending terms, are a backwater of a backwater. For government purposes they are lumped together with other culturally worthy causes under Lord Gowrie's Office of Arts and Libraries. But they are further removed from the economic debate than, say, the National Theatre by the fact that their money comes from local authorities.

The Government allows a fixed amount within the rate support grant based on the daytime population of each area but the final sum spent is entirely at the discretion of the local council.

In fact councils spend far more than the Government allows. In the current year, for example, the actual figure will be around £390m against a government figure of £327m. Yet, at 1.2 per cent of total spending, libraries have remained a fairly static part of local authority budgets since 1979. Although the Library Association protests that this is inadequate, it does in fact show that authorities have been reasonably protective of what otherwise might have been seen as a soft target for spending cuts.

They have good reason to be. Public libraries are one of the few areas where the image of local authorities has remained consistently good. One third of the adult population visits a library every month, the great majority to borrow novels. The friendly, efficient service in most libraries often contrasts with that encountered in other council departments.

However, both the 1964 Act and the local government changes of the 1970s have drastically reduced the number of libraries. George Cunningham, chief executive of the Library Association, says only 34 libraries in the entire country now stay open for 60 hours a week or more compared with 229 in 1975. The other side of the argument is that this represents greater efficiency since total book loans have risen, now totalling 650 million a year, and the national book stock, at 137 million has also increased.

Everybody agrees, however, that spending on books is under serious pressure. Dr Peter Mann of Loughborough University says total spending rose by 41 per cent in the five years to 1984 against a 50 per cent rise in the Retail Price Index. Because book price inflation, although difficult to establish, is considerably higher than the RPI figures, libraries have unquestionably been buying fewer books. The book stock figure is high because libraries are holding on to older, damaged books rather than replacing them and are buying more paperbacks.

Money is being spent on new services such as computers and information in the appropriate language for ethnic minorities. New technology has often led to the introduction of charges, although resistance to this remains, based on the view that all library services should be free. In fact this view has become a little blurred. Since a local library well stocked with computers can provide facilities for a local businessman to conduct an entire market research programme, the left has come to accept that information is a tradeable asset as much as a social right.

Yet, where charges are levied, costs are seldom fully recovered so new services usually mean that the net financial burden is increased and the scales are tipped further away from books. Unless spending on books is further reduced, librarians' ambitions to become neighbourhood electronic databases will have to be curtailed.

Meanwhile Lord Gowrie has been signalling clearly that the new technology arguments for a big increase in library spending have cut no ice. "What counts as an efficient and comprehensive service," he said, "must now be adjusted firmly to the economic and fiscal situation of the day."

Meanwhile there is a more pressing problem – the growing tension between central and local government. So far the libraries have held their own in local authority budgets but their very popularity in middle-class areas makes them suitable targets for angry Labour councils wishing to make as clear as possible the consequences of central government financial controls. "Back to Books" may turn out to be the cry of librarians sounding the retreat rather than the announcement of a genial crusade.

Aids memoire

New words for old, by Philip Howard

Acronyms, curtailed words formed from initial letters, are useful jargon when used sensibly as a form of shorthand, either for all of us, or for the sectional vocabulary of a science, technology, art, trade, class, sect, profession, or other private team of specialists. They save time.

Happy the organization of which the initial letters form a pronounceable word, like Nato or Unesco. Unhappy the organization of which the initial letters are unpronounceable, like EEC or RFU. A good acronym can make an otherwise gloomy and banal institution, such as Nalgo and Nacods or Cohse sound, well, cosy. It would make the NUM and NUJ a bit more loveable if people started pronouncing their names as acronyms.

Some jargons, particularly Defencespeak-Pentagonese, go too far with acronyms so that their technical papers are jungles of upper-case initial letters impenetrable by the outsider. This is brought about partly by the normal tendency to show off to those outside the mystery, and partly by euphemism. They are talking about killing people or blowing up the world. A bland acronym acts as a smokescreen.

Language is a wild creature. It grows and changes untidily as people use it. Nevertheless, I wish to complain about the new acronym Aids; not that my complaint will do a blind bit of good. It is clearly a condition to be avoided at all costs. The acronym stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, which describes in medical jargon what happens. The objection to the acronym is that it sounds rather friendly, and creates confusion with a number of other similar words.

For a start there is the word "aid", which came into English from French more than five centuries ago, with manifold meanings. Then there is your "aide", which is a ragingly fashionable vogue term and creature in political circles. Aids is already an acronym in Defencespeak. It stands for Aircraft Integrated Data System and also, with acronym on acronym, confusion worse confounded, Air Force Intelligence Data handling System. Aid is also an acronym for: Aeronautical Inspection Department; Aeronautical Inspection Directorate covering airframes, power plants, and guided weapons; Agricultural Industrial Development; Aircraft Intelligence Department; Army Intelligence Department; the American Institute of Decorators; the Frog *Association Internationale pour le Development;* Acute Infectious Disease; Agency for International Development; and last but not least, Artificial Insemination by Donor.

Doctors tend to be logophiles and wordsmiths, perhaps because their profession is fundamentally mechanical, and they need some cultural interest. It would be a good idea if we could get them to take more care about their nomenclature. Perhaps the BMA, in consultation with equivalent bodies in English-speaking and other countries, should take on the responsibility of coining an unambiguous name for a new disease, or whenever the jargon requires a new word. I dare say we should have some linguistic philosophers in on the act.

That is not the way language works. English is not a market garden growing in neat rows, but a luxuriant and pullulating wilderness. I dare say that there is a chance that when the condition is better understood, it may be renamed on the basis of its cause or mechanism. In the meantime we have to learn to live with Aids, linguistically.

Ronald Butt

This redundant charter

Everyone would like to do something about unemployment. That includes the government, on humane as well as electoral grounds. Indeed, it justifies its austere anti-inflationary policy as the necessary precondition of a higher level of durable employment. But on the way to a less inflationary society, unemployment remains painfully high for a variety of reasons, from the pressure of unit labour costs to the claims on investment of the non-productive public sector and the blows struck by the technological revolution at the old labour-intensive industries.

There is therefore much to be said for a detached analysis, without preconceptions, to see what can be done without risk of inflation. If that were its role, the new Employment Institute, inaugurated this week, would be welcome. Unfortunately that is not its position, and still less so is it that of its other self, the so-called "Charter for Jobs" (patrons: Mr James Callaghan, Mr Edward Heath and Lord Wilson) which has begun its campaign with the demand that the government should create jobs by more public spending and borrowing.

Both the charter and the institute, which is supposed to do its own research and publish other people's, start from a neo-Keynesian position. Their members deny that the exercise is anti-government, though I cannot among the list of trustees, patrons and members of the executive council find one whom I did not understand to be inimical to the present government's economic policies. But that is not the heart of the matter.

Whoever its trustees and patrons, the institute might still produce work of interest if it started with an uncommitted mind. But it does not. Its moving academic spirit is Professor Richard Layard of the London School of Economics, a committed Keynesian, and at the outset the institute virtually endorses the charter's call for more public spending and borrowing.

Nor can the new institute be compared (as it has been) to the Institute of Economic Affairs, which has been so successful in spreading the monetarist gospel if not in securing full and pious observance. The IEA is also committed to a point of view, but its essential role is not to propagate concrete political solutions for the immediate situation, but to publish a certain school of academic works, making no concessions to political feasibility, which leaves the government to apply as much of them as it thinks fit. It is a long-haul exercise to change thinking, not a search for a quick solution.

The Employment Institute, in contrast, is committed to producing recommendations it regards as feasible here and now; telling the government how much to spend in the present situation, and what to spend it on. It must be an exercise in political credibility, an effort to make demands acceptable to all sorts of supporters from Mr Francis Pym and Sir Ian Gilmour to Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Denis Healey, not to mention the predominant Social Democrats in between.

The most effective power of the institute will be through the charter propaganda campaign for neo-Keynesian solutions. Professor Layard has described it as a single-issue pressure group like the Anti-Corn Law League, but one which hopes to achieve its end sooner than the seven years taken by the League to achieve its. But what end exactly? It is one thing to conduct a concentrated campaign to repeal a law; it is quite another to campaign for a still debatable extra sum for spending and borrowing, on purposes yet to be agreed.

The charter also begs many questions. It asserts that the rise in unemployment (even allowing for wage pressures) "must mainly reflect low demand". It therefore calls for a rise in infrastructure spending, and an increase in the budget deficit which, it is said, need not cause inflation by adding to the money supply "because it is always possible to borrow outside the banking system." This seems to mean that printing money can be avoided, and that the borrowing of money already earned and saved should be possible through the gilt market. But on what terms? Under this sort of pressure, how could interest rates not rise?

The Charter also asserts that if unemployment cannot be so reduced without increasing inflation "we would consider some comprehensive approach, including incomes and prices policy, to be better than doing nothing to reduce unemployment." It is hard to conceive of a more flaccid assertion. Anything, it seems, is preferable to nothing, even if the anything is a simple re-run of everything that was tried and found wanting from the days of Lord George Brown.

Which brings me to Mr Roy Hattersley, a trustee of the Charter among a galaxy of prime ministers and civil servants from the 1960s and 1970s which evokes the failed economic policies of the old social democratic consensus.

This week he has asked union leaders to join in working on a new "economic compact". He has, he insists, no intention of advocating a statutory incomes policy, or a theoretically voluntary one based on government coercion. He offers a partnership to discuss interest and exchange rates, investment, prices, and wage levels. They must decide how new resources are to be shared between wages, public services and new jobs.

"My vote," he said "is for them to be concentrated on jobs". He admitted that it was not a choice for him alone, but would it be a choice for him at all, when the unions had the big battalions and a Labour government to buy them off? Mr Hattersley insists that a Labour government would not, by back-scratching with the unions, bring in policies it knew to be wrong. But what if, in insisting on policies it knew to be right, it caused the unions to wreck its incomes policy? Why should they deliver next time when they have not delivered before?

It is back to the National Plan and the Social Contract, to the hope of buying off with one hand the inflation the government had created with the other, and expecting the unions to take responsibility for which they are not equipped and which is really the Government's. Mr Hattersley is in appropriate company among the new Job Chartists. The end of it all would be the old conflicts, but the theory that "it is better than doing nothing" is hallowed by the social democratic optimism of the Labour Party that got us where we were in 1979.

moreover ... Miles Kington

Of Prez, Bix and Fats

I have never met writer Alan Plater, and I am not surprised; the man must be too busy to meet people. Already this year we have seen from him Yorkshire TV's *The Beiderbecke Affair* as well as a very good novel of the same name, an episode for the Miss Marple series on BBC, and the haunting programme on Edward Lear for BBC, *On the Edge of the Sand*. What we probably haven't seen unless we live in Hull is an opera, yes opera, called *Prez*, based on the life of the great tenor saxophonist Lester Young, which was premiered last week by the Hull Truck Theatre Company. And it's still only April ...

What all these pieces of Plater have in common (except Miss Marple) is the curious presence of music. The jazz opera presents great helpings of Young's music, recreated by four singers and six well-known players. *The Beiderbecke Affair* used lots of music based on Bix's records (there were too many copyright problems to use the records themselves). And it came as something of a shock to me to learn at the end of the Edward Lear programme that all the haunting music in it had been written by Edward Lear himself.

One welcome result of all this has been the issue by EMI of a double album of the best of Bix which you can buy for only £4.99. I wouldn't go as far as the EMI press release in claiming that since the TV series "Bix Beiderbecke has become literally a household name". But what I find interesting is the way so many theatrical productions these days find music, especially jazz, a rich fishing-ground for plots

In Hollywood films like *The Benny Goodman Story* or *The Glenn Miller Story*, the young musician plays for other bands, has a vision of how his music should sound, forms his own band, fails terribly, forms another band and is swept to success in time to marry his childhood sweetheart. Fade-out, or crash into the English Channel ...

What real writers like Alan Plater seem to prefer is stories in which the struggle comes after the success. Russell Davies is at the moment writing another jazz opera based on King Oliver, the first great trumpeter to come out of New Orleans. He ruled Chicago, gave Louis Armstrong his first big job and was offered the residency at the Cotton Club. But what Russell is writing about is the decline in the 1930s, when Oliver was battling against obscurity and finally reduced to being a poolroom attendant in Savannah, Georgia, than which there can be few worse fates.

This poignant contrast between fame and failure cropped up a few years back in a play written by Adrian Mitchell about Bix Beiderbecke seen through the eyes of his mate, Hoagy Carmichael. Being a shrewd man, Mitchell knew that the legend of Bix, the golden boy who played like an angel and drank himself to death, was not quite as simple as that.

Hoagy, equally talented, went on to become a pianist, songwriter, actor and finally a grand old man of American song, and yet even Mitchell had to admit that it was Bix's decline and fall which had the more potent appeal.

Again, there was a play at the Bush Theatre called *Golden Leaf Strut*, by Julian Garner, which looked at the life of Leon Roppolo, a clarinettist who not only knew fame in the 1920s but managed to go picturesquely mad thereafter. There was one stunning scene where his Italian father tries to beg the young boy to abandon this terrible music, jazz; the father speaks Italian throughout, while the son answers angrily in American English, the language of jazz. A small coup de théâtre, this, though no less so than the moment near the end of the play when actor Mike Maynard suddenly picked up a clarinet and played a marvellous jazz solo.

Where will it all end? Are people at this very moment writing jazz operas based on Django Reinhardt? Is someone picking out the hidden tragedy of Fats Waller? Has Channel 4 yet commissioned a ballet based on the history or Ronnie Scott's Club? If not, why not?

Meanwhile, I would be quite happy with an album of Edward Lear. His music, I mean.

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CONTRA CONTRADICTIONS

To disburse $14 million in aid to the Contras fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua President Reagan needed a favourable vote in both Houses of Congress. He won narrowly in the Senate, 53 votes to 46, but was defeated by 248 to 180 votes in the House of Representatives. The Contras do not receive this $14 million – so much is clear. Though the issue produced the most intense lobbying yet seen in the President's second term of office, the implications of these votes for the future of Central America, his administration's Central American policy and its foreign policy in general are much less clear. Is it necessarily a great defeat, and in that case for what is it a great victory? Is the President's entire Central American policy or only his Nicaraguan policy in tatters? Do many respectable shreds remain? What can a new policy be?

The votes and the compromises prior to them are not the most readable set of signals. The President's rhetoric in support of the Contras was not matched by the extent of his requests on their behalf, and his opponents' doubts about the Contras were not encouraged by much enthusiasm for the Sandinistas. Uneasy about the President's policy, many were also uneasily aware that they had no policy of their own. The President's instruments, the Contras, might look incapable of solving the problem, but casting them aside would not solve the problem either. Few were prepared to argue that the Sandinistas constitute no problem at all. This is the fifth time that the House has voted against the Contras – on that score the vote is no novelty. The signal may still be read that there is insufficient support in the United States for sustained or intensified official aid for the Nicaraguan Contras.

In the context of President Reagan's whole Central American policy, it would be premature to call this a major defeat. His record in Central America is not one of failure. The situation in El Salvador has improved, and the region, though still in grave economic difficulties, is in a less dangerous state than when he first took office. This may even owe something to his Nicaraguan policy, as it is too easily forgotten that in its early days the Sandinista government certainly entertained revolutionary ambitions outside Nicaragua's borders, and that it has altered course to the extent that it has only under pressure. The Nicaraguan government no longer supports continued guerilla war in El Salvador; any practical assistance has much diminished, and the Nicaraguans argue that the guerillas should negotiate. They have disavowed any intention of acquiring strategic weapons. The Sandinistas are, in short, not quite the same after four years of President Reagan as they were at the end of the term of President Carter.

Nor do they enjoy quite the same regard. There is room for debate about all the effects of United States hostility on Nicaragua – it may have presented divisions in the Sandinista leadership from emerging, it provides the regime with alibis for failure and repression, and with a natural nationalist support – but in other significant ways it has cost the Sandinistas dear.

The most frequently noticed, the cost to the Nicaraguan economy, is not perhaps the most significant. In the contest for legitimacy and moral authority in central America, democratic pluralism and a foreign policy that does not involve the region in conflicts alien to it have come to be values to which attention must be paid. The Sandinistas are no exception to this, and their shortcomings on these counts have been widely advertized in their confrontation with the United States. They have paid for them in an isolation which it would be wrong to regard as an artificial climate of United States manufacture. The confrontation has cost them much of their mystique.

There is still a Marxist government in Nicaragua. President Reagan has made the mistake of describing it as if it were already now what some of its members would like it to become – a fully fledged totalitarian dictatorship, as in Cuba. But the President's opposition to it has at least made it less aggressive and paradoxically attractive only to the degree that it now pretends to abandon its original ends, and preserve some pluralist tendencies which, according to the Cuban precedents which have hitherto been faithfully followed, should soon disappear.

The Congressional vote will not bring an immediate end to the conflict in Nicaragua. Contra numbers have continued to rise, though Contra operations have diminished. Some funds will continue to reach them. Official jubilation in Managua has for once been muted, and the government has emphasised its interest in resuming direct talks with the United States. The moment may be more propitious than it seems for some real, not token changes in Nicaragua, which alone can avert a future regional conflict that could be far worse than anything yet suffered.

JAMMING IN THE BACK

Those who work for Radio Liberty (RL) and Radio Free Europe (RFE) are accustomed to bitter attacks from the Communist regimes; they accept the risk of bombings or murder by umbrella-wielding assassins. But now these stations broadcasting to the countries of the Soviet bloc are under fire in Washington also.

Of course it is important that the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee should take a close interest in this vital arm of American policy, since it is Congress which funds the radios through the Board for International Broadcasting. However, there is a danger that a General Accounting Office report calling for greater control over programme content will lead to virtual censorship of RFE-RL, established more than 30 years ago to combat the distorted reporting of the Moscow media.

The radios seek to implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by imparting information and ideas regardless of frontiers; they provide a surrogate home service for tightly controlled societies, and despite determined jamming, in an average week RFE expects to reach some 40 million listeners in Eastern Europe while RL broadcasts to more than 15 million in the USSR. They provide one of the few practical ways of encouraging democratic processes in these countries.

It is therefore a matter of deep concern when broadcasts are criticized as anti-semitic or unfavourable to democracy. Listeners need great perseverence to hear programmes regularly, and would be alienated if RFE-RL transmitted merely a different brand of propaganda, rather than carefully documented factual commentary and thoughtful, balanced discussion. But this should not mean avoiding controversial subjects for fear of government inspectors or rude comments in American newspapers. Listeners would switch off if broadcasts became predictable and boring.

Where did these criticisms arise? Out of some 92,000 scripts and live programmes broadcast last year, the RFE-RL Broadcast Analysis Division found only 30 potential policy violations and 48 questionable programmes, although the official guidelines are so restrictive that they actually prohibit comparisons between communism and capitalism, and phrases such as "Communist satellite countries".

All US Administrations, whether Republican or Democratic, have recognized the importance of broadcasting to the captive nations; however, certain politicians and journalists appeared determined from the start to find fault in the work of Reagan appointees to the management of the radios. None of the critical articles pointed out what a tiny percentage of total output was at fault, or emphasized the high standards maintained by the services which broadcast in many languages.

This summer there will be a new RL director, a new RFE-RL president, and a new chairman of the Board for International Broadcasting. Before choosing replacements, Washington needs to decide whether broadcasting aims will be better served by those who, like the present incumbents, care deeply about the national cultures and political future of the peoples in the Soviet empire, or by bureaucrats, unwilling to give expression in broadcasts to the wide range of opinion represented among the emigré staff or even to the variety of views normal in Western media.

CAT AMONG THE URBAN PIGEONS

Glossy covers, adman's prose, a soft focus picture of the Prime Minister: this was how the government chose last week to launch its latest "initiative" for the inner cities, a group of Civil Service committees with the dynamic acronym CATs. In principle these City Action Teams are welcome. The "press kit" handed out at the announcement gave the prime reason, for contained no less than 18 separate pieces of Whitehall promotional paper on aspects of the existing urban programmes – there is a jumble of work by four more government departments. In principle these teams will supply on-site co-ordination. But surely what Hackney, Gateshead and Salford need is less not more government, fewer bureaucrats, more business; tinkering with the Whitehall machine could never be confused with changing attitudes and opportunities in the real world.

What is lacking in the creation of these new teams is a clear sense of purpose, some statement of how the destinies of the inhabitants of the inner conurbations are to be changed by this kind of government involvement. In the past three years the Urban Programme has been much reviewed. Yet still it, and now these CATs, appear products of that school of political thought – not an ignoble academy – which favours "doing something" by means of public money. Mrs Thatcher's own contribution to the glossy booklet warbles. The Urban Programme, here, is to "ease the pains" of economic transition in the cities: there, it is to foment the transition. Here it seeks to make Gateshead more habitable; there it is to promote mobility.

The cornerstone of the Urban Programme is the idea – attributable to those men of the seventies Mr Peter Walker and Mr Peter Shore – of partnership between central and local government. Setting up CATs cannot hide the fissure opened between these in recent years. The councillors of Islington are – they claim an electoral mandate in support of their views – profoundly antagonistic to the enterprise culture which the Government wants its urban expenditure somehow to foster: to pretend there is a partnership between Whitehall and Islington will not do. Squeezing the revenue spending of Islington and similar councils while pumping capital into the area through the Urban Programme (capital spending, that is, which will impose significant future revenue costs for the local authority) makes scant sense. Perhaps the CATs are the embryo of a new, centralized scheme of urban administration for which the docklands corporations have been an impressive but very expensive model. It may be that strong central government is needed in the inner cities to strip away restrictions on development and pull in investment. But such action will not be cheap and could easily jeopardize the popular and local commitment to economic and environmental change that the Government this week said it wished to elicit.

aving the nation's art

om the Chairman of Blakeney tels Limited.

r. I read with considerable interest raldine Norman's series of icles on Britain's heritage (April -17) and, in particular, that of ril 17 in which a proposal is oted that would appear to apply ly to individuals in their private pacity).

However, the hotel industry is e sector which, if sufficiently couraged, could apply its energies and finances in acquiring those "second division" works of art which are presently flooding abroad by the container load. At the same time, such purchases would ensure that the objects concerned would be accessible to the public.

Before the phasing out of capital allowances, there was an incentive to hoteliers to spend perhaps more than they might otherwise have felt was appropriate in acquiring genuine furniture, paintings and sculpture of a particular era to furnish their establishments. However within a year or so even this will have almost disappeared.

May I suggest, therefore, that the equivalent of full first year capital allowances be restored to the hotel industry on their purchases, if they furnish with original works of art rather than modern reproductions. I realise that this raises problems of definition but this is inherent in the subject.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangers of the 'instant' caution

From Mr John Ford

Sir, Alan Gorst (April 2) rightly mentions the dilemma of balancing the welfare and justice-based methods of dealing with offenders. "Instant" cautioning, in particular, is becoming attractive to police forces as a means of improving "clear-up" rates with savings in time and expense.

But with the introduction of citation of cautions in adult as well as juvenile courts there is a danger that sentencing tariffs will be increased, as magistrates may treat cautions as *de facto* convictions, as has already been observed in juvenile courts (Tutt & Geller (1983) *Criminal Law Review*, page 595).

In 1983 cautions were administered to about 166,000 non-motoring offenders (114,900 indictable and 50,600 summary offenders: *Criminal Statistics, England and Wales for 1983*, page 88). It cannot be right that so many people are collecting criminal records without being convicted by a court.

In its detailed consultative document on cautioning the Home Office did not recommend citation in adult courts and it is a pity that this measure has now been introduced – as a result, perhaps, of representations from those who do not see cautioning as a true means of diverting offenders from the criminal justice system.

Clearly the young and vulnerable will tend to regard a caution as an easy option. Such people are in vital need of legal advice before deciding whether to agree to a caution – on which subject there is precisely nothing in the guidelines recently issued to police forces.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FORD,
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Finsbury Park, N4.
April 19.

Slow delivery?

From Mrs Barbara Segal

Sir, I read with interest your article about the amazing new sorting machine at Mount Pleasant post office and that now the Post Office is fully mechanised, in future letters which did not carry the full postcode would be subject to delay.

Imagine my astonishment, however, when I read in the same article that this wonderful, efficient sorting machine at Mount Pleasant is unable to read handwritten postcodes! This means, presumably, that anyone who does not possess a typewriter, or who wishes to address a letter by hand willy nilly, is going to be treated by the Post Office as a second-class citizen from now on.

Would it not therefore be sensible if the Post Office advised all people who did not have access to a typewriter not to waste their money on first-class stamps, but to use second-class stamps instead?

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA SEGAL,
28 Grange Road,
Highgate, N6.
April 22.

From Mr T. Maycock

Sir, Your inset to today's report regarding postcodes (April 18) refers to "postcode directories, which fill a wall of shelves".

This could well deter potential users from obtaining the books, which in fact occupy less than 5ft of *one* shelf, each book being approximately A4 page size.

An incidental point is that not *all* of the United Kingdom is postcoded in full – co Fermanagh is not.

Yours faithfully,
TONY MAYCOCK,
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West Midlands.
April 18.

Birds of a feather

From the Bishop of Portsmouth

Sir, This cuckoo heard another one at 5.30 am on Saturday, April 20, at Catherington, Hampshire. Is this the first non-Thatcherite bird this spring?

Yours faithfully,
†TIMOTHY PORTSMOUTH,
Bishopswood,
Fareham,
Hampshire.
April 20

Halting nuclear spread

From Lord Ennals and others

Sir, Next week in Geneva the final preparatory meeting for the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference is taking place. This treaty entered into force just over 15 years ago on March 5, 1970, and is of vital importance, being the world's only multilateral agreement attempting to halt both the increase in the number of nuclear weapons and their spread to additional countries.

There is, however, already widespread concern that the 3rd NPT review conference this September in Geneva could witness the beginning of the collapse of this treaty.

The UK Government has a responsibility to ensure this does not happen. It was, along with the United States and the USSR, one of the original depository states to the treaty, yet since the NPT came into force successive governments have behaved as though the treaty did not exist.

The worst example has been the lack of regard by the UK of its obligation under Article VI of the NPT. This commits the UK Government to pursue negotiations in good faith towards nuclear disarmament. Instead, the Government is involved in a policy that dramatically increases the number and variety of nuclear weapons ultimately threatening us all.

A first step in reversing this trend would be to stop the testing of nuclear weapons. Senator Kennedy and others are working in the United States to achieve a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing; the UK Government should support this by pledging the same, subject of course to Russian agreement.

Article III of the NPT commits the Government not to export nuclear technology to any non-nuclear weapons country that does not accept international "safeguards" on all nuclear activities in the country.

Instead, the UK Government joined a "nuclear suppliers club" whose "guidelines" give more generous nuclear deals to non-treaty countries than to its own Treaty partners.

The NPT is of course far from perfect. It would have been a stronger, fairer treaty if Article IV had not just offered nuclear power technology as the major incentive for Third World countries to join, but had instead encouraged technological transfer resulting in energy for development; it should have required all parties, not just those without nuclear weapons, to accept international safeguards on all "peaceful" nuclear activities.

As things stand at present the treaty partners from the Third World, are however, angry and disillusioned. They remember that because of the lack of disarmament by the nuclear weapon signatories the 1975 review conference was able to agree only on a vague restatement of general principles and that the 1980 review conference broke up in hostile disarray.

To prevent the predicted break up of the NPT three things should be done by the UK Government before the review conference begins this September: it must honour Article VI by being seen to declare a moratorium on nuclear testing, subject to US and Russian compliance; at the conference the Government must take a strong stand against the export of nuclear technology to any non-nuclear country that does not accept international safeguards; and finally it could lead the discussion of the need to transfer technology for all forms of energy, not just nuclear power.

The Non-proliferation Treaty is a fragile, inadequate document. It is however, the only one that exists. If it collapses, nothing will take its place. The result could well be the unthinkable – a global nuclear free-for-all.

Yours faithfully,
ENNALS (Chairman, United Nations Association),
BRUCE KENT (CND),
JONATHAN PORRITT (Director, Friends of the Earth),
COLIN HINES (Director, Greenpeace),
GEORGE GALLOWAY (General Secretary, War on Want),
JENNIFER HAMMOND (Third World First),
M. PENTZ (Chairman, National Coordinating Committee, Scientists Against Nuclear Arms),
SHEILA OAKES (General Secretary, National Peace Council),
DAVID LOWRY (European Proliferation Information Centre),
United Nations Association,
3 Whitehall Court, SW1.
April 19.

'Victorian values' on London housing

From Dr Richard Dennis

Sir, In his survey of "Housing in crisis" (April 22) your Property Correspondent compared current housing conditions with those of 1885, when the Royal Commission on Housing the Working Classes published its findings. But housing *policies* in 1885 also deserve our attention, particularly since the 1880s, like the 1980s, experienced high levels of unemployment and declining rates of housebuilding.

Until 1885 most politicians believed that private enterprise could provide sufficient housing virtually unaided. Yet even then private agencies depended heavily on indirect state aid. Cheap government loans and subsidised land kept the ostensibly private, philanthropic housing movement afloat, just as today tax concessions and subsidized land are vital props in expanding home-ownership and encouraging new construction by private builders.

In 1885 the beneficiaries of state subsidy were the regularly employed, who could commute from suburbia or who satisfied the requirements of agencies like the Peabody Trust. In 1985 the beneficiaries are again those in regular work, eligible for mortgages, and perhaps qualifying for substantial discounts to buy their own council houses.

Neither period offers much to those on low wages or out of work, save a vague promise of "levelling up". In the 1880s this meant the poor moving into homes vacated by the better-off. In the 1980s it means selling more council houses to provide councils with more revenue to improve what remains of the public housing stock. From the perspective of the homeless and overcrowded both policies are ineffective window-dressing.

Another free-market way to house the poor has been to reduce standards: in the 1880s building one-room dwellings with communal sanitation; in the 1980s providing accommodation devoid of amenities taken for granted only a decade ago (Parker Morris room sizes, central heating, garages).

Following the royal commission, the Conservative Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury, introduced a housing Bill which recognised London's unique problems. The commissioners also acknowledged the need for a stronger London-wide government. That, of course, came about three years later with the creation of the LCC.

But today history is in reverse. London's special status is denied and London-wide government is under sentence of death. Moreover, our Government's espousal of "Victorian values" is conveniently selective, stressing self-help and personal responsibility, but ignoring other characteristics from which they were inseparable – the moral and religious imperatives to social reform and the pragmatic realism which led Victorian politicians to accept the necessity of state intervention and state enterprise.

History may not repeat itself, but the parallels are too much of a coincidence to be ignored.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DENNIS,
University College London,
Department of Geography,
26 Bedford Way, WC1.
April 23.

Bonington on Everest

From Dr Charles Warren

Sir, As a septuagenarian Everester, I was delighted to read in your issue today (April 22) of Chris Bonington's successful ascent of Mount Everest, in his *fifties*.

Somehow or other this piece of mountaineering news pleases me much more than any report of an inevitably successful exploit by one of our modern professional climbers.

Chris, having played his part as a leader of so many Everest expeditions, deserves his reward.

There is something particularly nice about this rather late success by our, not *too* old, GOM of mountaineering, to my way of thinking.

Yours etc,
CHARLES WARREN,
Buck Croft,
Felsted, Dunmow, Essex.

From the President of the Royal Geographical Society

Sir, While congratulating Chris Bonington on his achievement I fear that *The Times* (who had its own special correspondent, James Morris, with the 1953 British expedition to Mount Everest) should have known better than to say that Bonington's British South-West face expedition of 1975 was the first successful British ascent.

Every expedition to Everest from 1921 to 1953 was organised by a joint committee of the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club. Lord Hunt (then Colonel John Hunt) led the 1953 expedition which made the first ascent.

He was responsible for the selection of the route by which the mountain was climbed and for the selection of the two teams which tackled the summit – the first pair being Charles Evans and Tom Bourdillon, and the second being Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BISHOP, President
Royal Geographical Society,
Kensington Gore, SW7.
April 22.

Legacy of Vietnam

From Mr J. J. Eisenhower

Sir, Paul Johnson's article on the legacy of Vietnam (April 20) might be perversely amusing if its implications were not so ominous.

The tendency to re-write and simplify the past does a grave disservice to those who lived it and are trying to evaluate it. Mr Johnson, in trotting out all the old dogmas about American restraint losing the war, media manipulation robbing the nation of its will and bringing down a President and the Soviet global menace, reduces the Vietnam episode to an excuse for an exercise in right-wing semantics.

Those who fought or resisted the war, and had their lives extinguished or for ever changed by it, deserve more than that.

Yours sincerely,
J. J. EISENHOWER,
Wolfson College, Oxford.

Anzac Day

From Dr John Laffin

Sir, While we are busy remembering VE Day, the liberation of Belsen concentration camp victims, the release of Colditz Castle prisoners and the end of the Vietnam war there is a risk that an older anniversary may be forgotten. April 25 is the 70th anniversary of Anzac Day, which commemorates the landing at Gallipoli, Turkey, in 1915 and by association the entire campaign.

It was a ghastly failure of leadership and what we celebrate is the courage and fortitude of the men who took part.

Anzac Day is the most important day of the year in Australia and New Zealand and it should be better observed in the United Kingdom. The cold-blooded, disciplined bravery of the British troops who landed under fire at Cape Helles was as magnificent as that of the Australians and New Zealanders at Anzac Cove.

If, as a nation, we neglect Anzac Day, what hope is there for the 70th anniversary of VE Day in the year 2015?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LAFFIN,
Oxford House,
Church Street,
Knighton, Powys.

BAOR allowances

From Mr Thomas H. Pares

Sir, The BAOR allowances cuts, imposed by a Government which was saved by the Armed Forces from its incompetence over the Falklands, prove the wisdom of Francis Quarles' epigram from the 17th century:

Our God and soldiers we alike adore
Ev'n at the brink of danger; not before:
After deliverance, both alike requited,
Our God's forgotten, and our soldiers slighted.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS H. PARES,
Mill House,
North Creake,
Norfolk.

Fly away home

From Mr M. S. Barker

Sir, A few years ago, following a plague of aphids, several million ladybirds were introduced ecologically to control them. Now the inevitable has happened. The incidence of ladybirds in southern gardens is reaching Biblical proportions.

It is common to share one's pillow with a family; the more short-sighted of them are accustomed to perch on the rims of my spectacles to join me in reading Miles Kington; and now I have managed to eat one with my morning apple: a new interpretation of "le crunch".

What next in ecological control?

Yours faithfully,
M. S. BARKER,
4 St James' Lane,
Winchester, Hampshire.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 25 1865

The Times in the wrong. In supporting the South in the American Civil War (1861-65) Delane, then Editor, failed to show his usual unerring judgement, although some explanation can be found for his attitude. The dispatch below was from Francis Charles Lawley (1825-1901) who was with the army in the South from 1862. In the same day's issue was the news of the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at Appomatox, Virginia, bringing an end to the war.

THE EVACUATION OF RICHMOND.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL SOUTHERN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, APRIL 11.

Consummatum est. After a siege unparalleled in the annals of modern warfare; after enduring conversion from a little town officered by six policemen into a frowning camp girdled with 40 miles of earthworks and defended by tens of thousands of men; after inscribing its name as one of the most famous of beleaguered cities indelibly upon the page of history; after demanding for its reduction a period of no less than 1,452 days, or in other words compelling Mr. Seward 17 times to renew his 90-day bill; after exacting at least a quarter of a million lives spent in assailing or defending it; after adding to its beautiful cemetery 50,000 new graves; after seeing its tobacco warehouses converted into loathsome prisons, its manufactories creating nothing but war material, its ironworks changed into cannon foundries, its public edifices into departmental bureaux, its men turned into soldiers, and its women almost without exception into mourners; after an expenditure upon its attack and defence of a weight of iron and lead hardly inferior to that of every building which its streets contain, - Richmond has fallen. . . .

During the long afternoon and throughout the feverish night, on horseback, in every description of cart, carriage, and vehicle, in every hurried train that left the city, on canal barges, skiffs, and boats, the exodus of officials and prominent citizens was uninterrupted. About 8 in the evening President Davis, accompanied by all the members of his Cabinet, except General Breckenridge, started by express train for Danville, with a view to await further tidings there, and thence to proceed and form, if possible, the nucleus of a fresh Government at Charlotte, in North Carolina. Up to the hour of their departure from Richmond I can testify that Mr. Davis and the three most prominent members of his Cabinet went undauntedly forth to meet the future, not without hope that General Lee would be able to hold together a substantial remnant of his army, and to effect a junction with General Johnston. . . .

It will be believed that during that memorable night there was no sleep in Richmond. In front of every Government bureau, of every auditor's office around the Capitol, and upon each side of Capitol-square, the glare of vast piles of burning papers turned night into day. As the night wore away the tramp of Kershaw's division and of Custis Lee's local Militia was heard in the streets, and it was felt that as the last men were now withdrawn from the north side there was no longer anything to interpose between Richmond and the enemy. As the first streak of dawn heralded the approach of day, several tremendous explosions seemed to shake every building in Richmond to its foundations. As I walked up between 5 and 6 in the morning of Monday, the 3d, to catch the early train upon the Fredericksburg Railroad, a vast column of dense black smoke shot into the air, a huge, rumbling, earthquake-like reverberation rent the ground, and the store of gunpowder garnered in the city magazine passed out of existence. As the eye ranged backwards along the James River, several bright jets of flame in the region of Pearl and Cary streets augured the breaking forth of that terrible conflagration which subsequently swept across the heart of the city. As the train moved off from the Fredericksburg depôt about 6 o'clock I parted with Mr. Conolly, the member for Donegal, who had passed a month in Richmond, and was upon this eventful morning still undecided whether to follow General Lee's army or to strike northwards like myself. About half an hour after my departure General Breckenridge, one of the last passengers who traversed the already blazing railroad bridge over the James River, started to rejoin his colleagues. About two hours after my eyes rested for the last time upon the dingy old Capitol under whose shadow I have passed so many hours, the Stars and Stripes floated in triumph from its rebellious roof. The scene which upon that Monday morning greeted the incoming Federals will not soon, I imagine, be obliterated from the memory. Upon the edge of the roaring crackling flames, larcenous negroes, crazy Irishwomen, in a word, all the dangerous classes of Richmond (many of them infuriated and made reckless by whisky, of which hundreds of barrels had been emptied into the streets), danced, and dived into cellars and into the open and undefended doors of warehouses, plying their search after plunder, with the howls of demoniacs. Thousands of hogsheads of tobacco, and among them, I believe, the warehouses which contained the French tobacco, which has so long been a subject of diplomatic discussion between Mr. Seward, Mr. Benjamin, and the Emperor's Government, added to the volume of the flames. Never might Prospero's words, "Hell is empty, and all the devils are here," have been more appositely spoken. It was a scene unparalleled, I believe, even among the ghastly revelations of this war.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 24: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Northern Heritage Trust's Reception at Blagdon Hall, Seaton Burn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Viscount Ridley and the President of the Trust (the Marchioness of Normanby).

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attended the Newcastle-upon-Tyne East Federation's 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Civic Centre.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison) and the Chairman of the Federation (Mrs B Curtis).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 24: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited the Area Careers Office, Belsize House, Brunswick Square, the "Prospect Workshops" and the Gloucestershire Adult Training Centre, Gloucester. His Royal Highness was entertained to luncheon by Sir Ronald Dearing, Chairman of The Post Office, at the Golden Valley Hotel, Gloucester and in the afternoon opened Picklenash County Junior School, Newent, and the new Mechanized Letter Office in Gloucester.

The Duke of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

Memorial requiem Mass will be celebrated for the President-elect of Brazil, Senhor Tancredo de Almeida Neves, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, on Monday, April 29 at 11 o'clock.

A memorial service for Marion Lady Bennett will be held at Christ Church, Chelsea, at noon today.



Britain's first Sikh woman magistrate, Mrs Ajeet Harbans Singh, with her husband, Harbans, and daughter, Rani, after being sworn in at Southwark Crown Court, London, yesterday. She will sit in the Middlesex area (Photograph: Dod Miller).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Remington-Hobbs and Lady Clare Finch-Knightley

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs C. Remington-Hobbs, of Normandy, France, and Clare Charlotte Rosemary, younger daughter of the Earl and Countess of Aylesford, of Packington Old Hall, Meriden, Coventry.

Mr D. L. A. Crossman and Mrs P. J. Lusk

The engagement is announced between David, son of Lt-Col H. and Lady Rose Crossman, of Cheswick House, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Hamp-Adams, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Mr D. A. Addams-Williams and Miss S. F. Martin

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Lt-Col and Mrs H. T. Addams-Williams, of Llangibby House, Usk, Gwent, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. D. Martin, of School Cottage, Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. L. Catt and Miss A. Stewart

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Catt, of Barnet, Herts, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Stewart, of Michigan, United States.

Mr J. D. Blumer and Miss C. P. Close

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr Richard Blumer of Chiddingfold, and Mrs Robin Taylor, of Puttenham, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Mr Hank Close and of Mrs Hazel Close, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr R. S. de Courcy O'Grady and Miss S. A. St Clair-Stannard

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. de C. O'Grady, of Ascot, Berkshire and Alexandra, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. St Clair-Stannard, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr H. C. R. Downes and Miss V. A. Palma

The engagement is announced between Harry, second son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Downes, of Little Marsh House, Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Palmer, of Harrington House, Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire.

Mr N. C. T. Pawson and Miss R. J. Allhusen

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles Thorens, only son of Mr and Mrs K. V. F. Pawson, of Haggas Hall, Weeton, Yorkshire, and Rosalind Jane, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. C. Allhusen, of Bradenham Hall, Thetford, Norfolk.

Mr S. J. Reeve and Miss P. J. Owen

The engagement is announced between Jesse, younger son of Mr and Mrs Frank Reeve, of Lea Farm, Peasmarsh, Rye, and Penny, only daughter of Captain and Mrs David Owen, of The Hermitage, Peasmarsh, Rye, East Sussex.

Birthdays today

Sir Charles Abrahams, 71; Sir John Cater, 66; Mr Anthony Christopher, 60; Sir John Clements, 75; Mr Kenneth Davies, 86; Miss Ella Fitzgerald, 67; Lord Gladwyn, 85; Mr W. F. R. Hardie, 83; Lord Hayter, 74; the Earl of Lichfield, 46; Mr David Machin, 51; Lady Marre, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, 85; the Rev Marcus Morris, 70; Mr Buster Mottram, 30; Sir James Plimsoll, 68; Mr William Roache, 53; Sir Stanley Rous, 90; Mr David Shepherd, 54; Sir Jack Smart, 65; Sir David Stephens, 75.

IBA chairman

The Home Office is to extend by three years the period in office of Lord Thomson of Monifieth as chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. The former Labour MP, who is 64, is to retire from the authority at the end of 1988.

Lincoln's Inn awards

The following awards have been made by Lincoln's Inn:

Major scholarships (maximum £6,000 over two years): P J Sales (Churchill College, Cambridge), M G Swainston (Downing College, Cambridge).

Major Scholarships (maximum £3,000): I P Stone (Exeter College, Oxford), G L Collings (London School of Economics), G L Evans (University College London), W R Hunter (Leeds University), P J James (Hertford College, Oxford), R M Moat (Christ Church, Oxford), P J W Reed (Exeter College, Oxford), P D Stinchcombe (Trinity College, Cambridge), C R F Tidmarsh (Merton College, Oxford), D E Walden Smith (Girton College, Cambridge), M A Wall (St John's College, Cambridge).

Pre-Pupillage scholarships: R A Snowden (Downing College, Cambridge), O D Watkins (Jesus College, Oxford), C C Boar (Magdalen College, Oxford), Miss E R Crail (St Hilda's College, Oxford).

Bursaries: M P Breheny (Kent University), G Campbell (Manchester University), F T Colaco-Moraes (Kent University), D T Eatough (Hertford College, Oxford), A W B Eds (Trinity College, Oxford), R B Friese (Leeds University), I A Gall (Hertford College, Oxford), P A Kilcoyne (Birmingham University), Miss H Q E Lobo (Girton College, Cambridge), Miss F A London (Birmingham University), Miss P M McAlarney (London School of Economics), S D McIlwain (Warwick University), A W R Mitchell (St Edmund Hall, Oxford), D T Nolan (Nottingham University), J N Reddy (Christ Church, Oxford), R G Selwyn Sharpe (Bristol University), T C Stephenson (London School of Economics), Mrs L E Armitage (Leeds University), A A Bandurka (Sussex University), J G S Battle (Warwick University), B P Collier (University College London), T R Devlin (London School of Economics), M G Hallwell (London School of Economics), J B Kennedy (Birmingham University), Miss L A Leeder (Girton College, Cambridge), D M Rainford (London School of Economics), D Tremberg (Hull University), Miss D J Trenner (University College, Cardiff), C A Adams (King's College London), J M Bellamy (Jesus College, Oxford), Miss J A Bryant (Jesus College, Cambridge), C R Coleman (York University), M Dee (St Edmund Hall, Oxford), M Elliott (King's College London), S J D L Gray (Coventry Polytechnic), Miss P J Gulleford (Kingston Polytechnic), E J A Henry (Jesus College, Cambridge), R G Langham (Lincoln College, Oxford), K Leigh (Leicester University), S P McGrady (New College, Oxford), R J Miles (Christ Church, Oxford), A R Mullis (Christ Church, Oxford), M M O'Sullivan (Magdalene College, Cambridge), A J deGary Robinson (University College, Oxford), J H S Russen (University College, Aberystwyth).

Latest wills

Mrs Florence Beatrice, Pilcher, of Clunley, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £119,679 net. After personal bequests totalling £4,100, she left the residue equally between Dr Barnardo's and the John Grooms Association for the Disabled.

Mr Ivor Goldsmid Samuel, Montagu, of Garston, Hertfordshire, film producer and director, left £130,255 net.

Mrs Gwendolen Mary Angus, of Winchester, left £997,194 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Bloxidge, Mrs Winifred, of Lymington, Hampshire, £360,747.

Fearn, Mr John Iden, of Baslow, Derbyshire, company director, £287,360.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at Locket's Restaurant yesterday at a luncheon in honour of the European parliament delegation.

British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce

Mr Viktor Ivanov, Soviet trade representative was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Sir John Mayhew-Sanders presided.

Houston Economic Development Council

Sir Adam Thomson, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Caledonian Aviation Group, was host at a luncheon at the Churchill Hotel on Monday, April 22, in honour of the Houston Economic Development Council. Mrs Kathryn J. Whitmire, Mayor of the City of Houston, Mr Randall Meyer, Chairman of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and President of Exxon Company USA, and Mr Kenneth Schnitzer, Chairman of the Houston Economic Development Council, were present.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress of Westminster

The Lord and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner at City Hall last night in honour of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH.

Society of Apothecaries of London

Professor Norman Ashton, Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London, assisted by Mr W. F. Southwood, Junior Warden, entertained at a dinner at Apothecaries Hall last night.

Company of Arbitrators

The Company of Arbitrators held a dinner at Vintner's Hall last night. The speakers were, the Master, Mr Alderman Francis McWilliams, Mr John F. Phillips and Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC.

The Earl of Lauderdale

The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies at dinner yesterday evening in the House of Lords. Sir Francis Tombs, Chairman of Rolls-Royce, was the guest of honour. Others present included:

Mr David Crouch, MP, chairman, Lord Ironside, Lord Brigstnshaw, Lord Energlyn, Lord Gregson, Lord Grimond, the Earl of Halsbury, Viscount Hanworth, Lord King of Wartnaby, the Duke of Portland, Lord Sherfield, Lord Skelmersdale, Mr Richard Wescott, MP, Mr Keith Best, MP, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, Dr Michael Clark, MP, Mr Don Concannon, MP, Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Mr Stephen Ferrari, MP, Mr Alexander Eadie, MP, Mr Harry Gourlay, MP, Mr David Lambie, MP, Mr Ian Lloyd, MP, Mr Michael Shersby, MP, Mr Tony Speller, MP, Mr Neil Thorne, MP, Mr Jim Wallace, MP, Mr John Watson, MP, Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP and representatives of associated organizations.

BEAMA

BEAMA, the federation of British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers' Associations, held a dinner last night at the Inter-Continental Hotel at which Sir Kenneth Corfield, chairman and chief executive, Standard Telephones and Cables plc, was the principal guest. The president of BEAMA, Mr William Gregson, presided.

Royal College of Pathologists

The President of the Royal College of Pathologists, Professor Barbara Clayton, entertained past presidents of the college at dinner at 2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1, last night. Those present included:

Sir Theo Crawford, Professor R C Curran, Sir John Dacie, Sir James Howie, Sir Robert Williams and the college registrar, Dr M G Rimmer.

Process Plant Association

Mr A. W. Forster, chairman and chief executive of Esso UK PLC, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Process Plant Association held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr J. C. A. Crawford, proposed the toast to the guests.

Receptions

British Society of Criminology

Professor Sir Leon Radzinowicz gave an informal address as the guest of honour at a reception given by the British Society of Criminology at the National Institute for Social Work, London, yesterday evening.

West Africa Committee

The council of the West Africa Committee held a reception at the Army and Navy Club last night for ambassadors, high commissioners and heads of missions of countries in West Africa, and members and officials of HM Government.

Lecture

Foundation for Science and Technology

Professor Graham Ashworth and Dr Duncan Davies spoke on "Impediments to Technology Transfer" at a lecture of the Foundation for Science and Technology held at the house of the Royal Society last night. The lecture was sponsored by Blue Circle Industries PLC, the British Petroleum Company PLC, and Westport Energy Corporation Texas. Among those present were:

Sir Donald Barron, Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir Roy Sisson, Professor J M Ashworth, Dr B J A Bant, Professor T Edmonds, Mr Alan Hooper, Mr and Mrs A A C Jacobsen, Miss Joy, Mr G M Marks, Professor R O C Norman, Mr J F Pascoe, Mr J C Paterson, Mr M Russell, Mr A M M Spurr, Dr A B Stone and Dr R Tummala.

A fabulous lady's jewels sold

By Huon Mallalieu

To a European, the late Annie-Laurie Aitken could have been invented only by a writer of soap operas. She was a ceramist and rose-grower who was beaten in the 1960 Ladies' World Pigeon shooting championship by Mme Pigeon, of France.

In her replica French château at Newport, Rhode Island, she entertained European royalty amid French eighteenth-century furniture and drawings. A daughter of the American Revolution, she was the grandmother of a German princeling.

She also collected jewels, and on Tuesday afternoon in New York Sotheby's took $2,493,043, or £1,928,851, for 80 lots from that collection. Nothing was bought in, and an American collector paid $572,000, or £442,553, for an opulent ruby and diamond necklace, once again from France (estimates $350,000 to $400,000).

A mixed property sale of jewels on Monday and Tuesday produced $8,678,285, or £6,714,340, with 14 per cent bought in. Pearls and coloured diamonds were in particular demand, and a dealer from Europe bid $990,000, or £765,957, for an emerald-cut blue diamond, known as the "Harry Winston", set as a ring.

At Sotheby's in London yesterday a pencil portrait of the Prime Minister done last year by Gilly Rayner, and sold on behalf of the NSPCC, made £13,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). It was bought by Mr Keith Barker, managing director of Videcom, a company which was visited by Mrs Thatcher a few months ago.

It was perhaps symbolic that that should have been one of the highest prices in a sale devoted to Victorian and modern British paintings.

At Bearnes, in Torquay, a sale of silver and jewels made a total of £134,251, with about 8 per cent bought in.

Service dinner

43rd/52nd Dinner Club

The annual dinner of the 43rd/52nd Dinner Club took place at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Colonel H. J. Sweeney presided.

Sovereign's Parade, Sandhurst

The Queen took the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst on April 12.

The following have had their commissions confirmed in the regiments, corps shown, having successfully completed standard graduate course number 6:

S Aitken, Para Glasgow; D S Alexander, RE, London Univ; D R Anderson, RE, City; D J Anderson Brown, R A Regt; S J Ardagh, Warwick Univ; Durham; R Bandy, RE, Hertford; I L Bellamy, M E P Ball RE Coventry Poly; C G Bennett, Gren Gds, Cambridge; D M Bennett, LZE, Bristol Coll; R B H Bennett, REME, Kent; D J Bermingham, RA, Bristol; A J Betteridge, REME, Southampton; A Bevington, RRF, Hertford Coll; C B Bird, Ist Corps, Cambridge; S E Boniface, QLR, Manchester; J A Bowden, RE, Liverpool; D G Bowyer, RE, Bristol; R W Bridgman, RTR, Oxford; F W O Brittenden-Sutton, Green Howards, Durham; S S Brown, RCT, Nottingham; C L Buckingham, RE, Trinity; R B Bush, RCT, Loughborough; E A Butler, RGJ, Exeter; G R Butler, RE, Edinburgh; C J Butler, RE, Cambridge; S J E Cameron, RE, Reading; I C Campbell, RA, Liverpool; W P Carr, RTR, Leicester; N F Carleton, Lincs, Queen's; J P Carruthers, R P Carroll, H S Dunham, P Chandler, Salford; Oxford; R A Churchill, QLR, Cambridge; G E Clarke-Lunn, P RA, Kings; J P D Collins, RRF, Exeter; A S Cleveland-Peck, RAOC, Leeds; R C Cole-Stanbridge, Glosters, Cambridge; I D Copeland, RE, Sheffield; D M A Cousens, RTR, Exeter; M J Coveney, REME, Imperial Coll; I Crawley, Para, Exeter; J Crummack, REME, Sheffield Poly; T J Curtis, RE, Cambridge; J H M Cushnir, Scots Dg, London; E P Davies, LI, Durham; G H J Dearon, QDG, Durham; A Dennis, Mons, Own Border, Durham; C Dewar, Ini Corps, Cambridge; M M G De Planta De Wildenberg, R Anglian, King's Coll; J P De Vos, LI, Newcastle; M J Dewar, RE, Durham; S Dowling, RRF, St Edmund Hall; C R Dyas, RGJ, Exeter; R J Dykes, REME, Durham; P G G Edwards, Ini Corps, Hull; D J Eland, RCT, Durham; G J Fairclough, Ini Corps, Plymouth Poly; S Felton, R Signals, Southampton; S P Finlay, RE, Newcastle Poly; J D M Fisher, LI, 19H, Card Anglia; M D Ford, RWF, Bristol; E O Fosbrooke, RAPC, South Bank Poly; A J Frankland, RE, Newcastle; M J Goggin, RAOC, Toronto; A G M Gane, Coldm Gds, Oxford; W N Garton-Jones, RE, Edinburgh; V G Gee, R HCC, Sheffield Poly.

George, Kings, Manchester; A M Gilron, RAOC, Huddersfield; R P Giles, R Signals, Plymouth Poly; C D Gillies, RA, Sheffield; R W Goodenough, QDG, Exeter; P M A Grant, Gurkha, Oxford; T J Green, RE, Strathclyde; G T D Green, RA, Kent; K W Griffin Queens, Newcastle; D M Grimes, REME, Manchester; C H S L Gwinn, LI, Dunsmouth; E H J Hall, Ini Corps, Sheffield; J W Hall, LI, Oxford; P W Hallam, R Anglian, London; A J Hamer, Phillips, LI, Durham; M Hamilton, SQ, Sheffield; M E Harris, RAOC, Aberystwyth; S H Harris, LI, London; D C Hartnell, REME, DSDC; D W Hazelden, RAOC, Newland Park; I M N R Henderson, REME, Heriot Watt; J J Herbert, RA, Exeter Coll; R M St J Hewson, RTR, Stirling; C D Higginan, RA, Leeds; R P Hill, Queens, Bristol; W Hopkins, RAEC, Cardiff; N S Howe, RE, Newcastle; R A Jaffrey, QLR, Birmingham; D M James, RE, Sheffield; H A Kelly, RWR, Newcastle; I StG Kelton, Scots DG, Oxford; J P Kipp, R Signals, Cambridge; M D Kirk, LI, Aberdeen; R A Lacey, RE, Edinburgh; G E J Leaf, IS 19H, Oxford; M I Leavett Sweeney, RE, Bristol; N R Lewis, RAEC, Longmoor; M J Lister, RGJ, Hull; M P Lowe Para, Newcastle; R G Lynch, RE, Cambridge; N MacFarlane, RTR, Bristol; M J Mackenzie, RE, Bristol; R A Mansfield, RGJ, Southampton; R F D Masterson, Coldm Gds, Exeter; A S Martin, REME, Cambridge; K J S E J Mason, RTR, Surrey.

R G Mather, R Signals, Coventry Poly; A J G Maxwell, RGJ, Oxford; J A McCardle, RE, Aston; C P McCarthy, DERR, London; M McCutcheon, KOSB, Edinburgh; A P L McGowan, Ryl, London; I G McKend, RCT, Liverpool; J B Mee, RCT, King's Coll; D H Meyer, AAC, Plymouth Poly; R J Milne, 17/21L, Oxford; C N Mulford-Slade, LG, Exeter; J P Mobertey, RGJ, Durham; P A J Montagnon, LI, Wales; D L Dunham, Morley-Kirk, R Signals, Lancaster; J J Moss, RA, Durham; P W Moss, WFR, Birmingham; J P Mowbray, RE, Leeds; D A G Nicholas, AAC, Durham; G P R Norton, Gren Gds, Cambridge; H J N Offer, PWO, Cambridge; R E O'Neill, Green Howards, Sheffield; J G Shea, RAOC, Plymouth; M C Paine, RA, Nottingham; J Pallas, RE, City; D M Pasben, REME, Salford; M E Pepper, RAOC, Bradford; A W Phillips, RE, Swansea; R C Phillips, R Signals, London; J N Pink, RTR, Cambridge; N A W Pope, R Signals, Jesus Coll, winner of the Queen's Medal; E S M Popp, QOH, Reading; M V Prentice, Durham, Durham; A D Preston, REME, Leeds Poly; A M Price, R Hamps, Birmingham; T B Radford, LI, Durham; P S Rafferty, Kings, Southampton; D S Raleigh, R Signals, RMCS; R M T Rankin, RAEC, Hull&UC Swansea; P E Reed, RA, Bristol Poly; P Richards, REME, Cambridge; C R Rigby, 9/12, Exeter; S J Rilot, RTR, Bedford Coll; L M Robertson, RCT, Plymouth Poly; P N Robson, QDG, Oxford; S J Rooney, S Innes DG, Durham; D F D Russell, LI, London; W T B Saillit, RE, Manchester; T A Sandford, Staffords, St Martin's Coll; C P Sayer, RA, Hull; M G A Scriven, WG, Oxford.

A M E Sherwell, QRIH, Durham; M J B Skirrow, LI, Durham; M G Silcocks, RRF, Cambridge; G R Smith, Gurkha, London; N H Smith, RE, Bristol; A R W Spowers, Gren Gds, Durham; M E Spragg, Staffords, Hull; G D W Stanford-Clarke, Edinburgh; A T Stevens, RE, Durham; A V G Steward, RE, Leeds; A J S Stirrup, D and D, Pembroke Coll; J B Stuart, RE, Cardiff; N A Swanson, RE, Stafford Poly; R A P Swinhoe-Standen, RA, Oxford Poly; P Thorne, RA, Edinburgh; M N Tilley, RE, Oxford Poly; A J Tobb, AAC, Loughborough; P J A Trythall, LI, Stirling; P C Tucker, RTR, Bristol; M Turner, Ox and Bucks, Oxford; M C Van der Lande, LG, Cambridge; G N B Varney, SQ, Cambridge; J G Wainwright, Kings, London; M Watkins, King's Own Border, Sheffield Poly; A G West, REME, Southampton; N Whitaker, Glosters, Birmingham; P Whitehorn, RE, Cambridge; R A J Whitestone, Kent; J G Whitehouse, RRF, London Univ; M C Whiteside, RGJ, Reading; C C Williams, REME, Cambridge; H G Williams, RE, London Kings; J D Willson, King's Own Border, Oxford; W H C Wilson, DERR, Bastyan; R J Winfield, RE, Liverpool; J D Wood, RA, Lancaster; E J Wright, RAEC, Plymouth Poly; J P S Wright, Queen's, Newcastle; R J E Wright, WDG, Worcester/Reading; R A Zeidler, R Anglian, York (Toronto).

The following have been granted commissions or have had their commissions confirmed in the women's service shown, having successfully completed Women's Royal Army Corps, course no 6:

C M Briggs, WRAC, Loughborough; V S Brown, WRAC, Monkton; J L Brown, WRAC, Liverpool; J V H Burrows, WRAC, Bristol; G M Bushell, WRAC, Mirfield; S M Clarke, WRAC, Strathcathro; M C Clinch, WRAC, Salford; C D Cole, WRAC, Plymouth; L L Day, WRAC, Charters; J M Dews, WRAC, Stevenson; P J Dickens, WRAC, Stover; V A Fifield, WRAC, Queens; K A Garnett, WRAC, Imperial; J Gatis, WRAC, Lakes; A E Glaser, WRAC, Newcastle; C M E Gross, WRAC, Richmond upon Thames; F E Hamilton, WRAC, Reading; D A Hathaway, WRAC, Nottingham; S V Hindmarsh, WRAC, Newcastle; J Howling, WRAC, Northampton; S M Jones, WRAC, St Pauls; A J Kay, WRAC, Aberdeen; M G King, WRAC, Cardiff; A P Mann, WRAC, Plymouth; J S Mas, WRAC, Kings; H E J McCausland, WRAC, Edinburgh; T M Nation, WRAC, La Retraite; C A Potts, WRAC, Crewe & Alsager; D J Redman, WRAC, Sunderland; C A Spanner, WRAC, Cantor; N M Stevenson, WRAC, St Andrews; T J Sutcliffe, WRAC, Manchester; B J Taylor, WRAC, Colston; D Tennardi, WRAC, Glasgow; N G N Vickers, WRAC, winner of the sash of honour, St Anthonys; F T West, WRAC, Colchester; J C Woollaroll, WRAC, Worcester.

Science report

Attempt to stem cancer deaths

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Second only to lung cancer, colo-rectal cancer is the most lethal in Britain, claiming 17,000 lives a year form the 25,000 in whom it is diagnosed. By the time the disease receives attention, half of the patients are beyond cure.

This grim situation has remained unchanged for decades. Yet colo-rectal cancer can be cured if diagnosed early enough. Now, however, a serious attempt to tackle the mortality rate is getting under way.

A new colo-rectal cancer unit will be opended today at St Mark's Hospital, Islington, London, set up by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. The hospital already treats patients suffering from the diseases, and the unit will add the energies and expertise of laboratory scientists.

It will also evaluate techniques such as radio-immuno-imaging, in which antibodies to substances in cancer cells are injected into the bloodstream to "home in" on tumours, carrying with them radioactive particles which can be traced by a computerized camera. In that way, the cancer's spread can be mapped.

New pathological methods will be applied to give a better understanding of the biology of the cancer, and other techniques will be developed to help monitor patients after their initial operation to give an early warning for recurrent disease.

Specialists at the hospital believe that an effective screening system, directed at the most vulnerable age group, those aged 45 to 75, is needed.

Before such a system can be implemented, however, scientists need indications that screening can affect mortality rates from this particular cancer. The quest for such evidence has started, and data is being gathered by researchers at Nottingham University.

The St Mark's team, which also receives support in some of its work from the Cancer Research Campaign, is enlisting the help of general practitioners in a north London practice to carry out a year-long study of patients' compliance with a simple screening test.

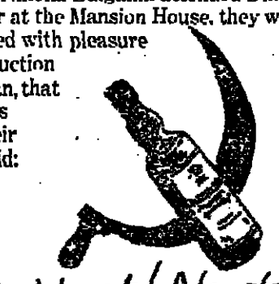
NEXT TIME THE WAITER LOOMS behind you at the Banquet, and murmurs *"Brandy or liqueurs with the coffee?"*, why not give him something of a challenge?

The fact is, there's a third option. It is called The Macallan Single Highland Malt Whisky.

For a start, it is probably older than the brandy he is offering. It will have been aged in oaken sherry-casks for at least ten years.

It will, in short, be the nearest thing to perfection that your waiter has ever wheedled out of the Sommelier's special reserve. But it is worth his trouble and yours.

Indeed, the story goes that when Nikita Kruschev and Nikolai Bulganin attended Dinner in their honour at the Mansion House, they were so overwhelmed with pleasure at their introduction to The Macallan, that they beamed as they raised their glasses and said: *"Neat! Neat!"*



It was the capitalist beginning of the end for the bearish Nikita, but it could be the start of something wonderfully bullish for you.

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

School news

Brentwood School

The Trinity Term begins today. The school musical society will present performances of Handel's "My Heart Is inditing" and "Let thy Wand be Stengthened" and Bach's "Sleepers Wake" on May 10 and 11 at St Thomas's Church. The Middle School play, *Julius Caesar*, will be performed on May 16 and 17. Half-term is from May 24 to May 28 and the Society of Old Brentwoods annual dinner will be held at the school on May 24. The Junior School athletics finals and prize-giving will be held on July 5 and the guest of honour will be Captain M. P. Greuton, MA, RA, deputy-director naval recruiting (officers), and the Senior prize-giving on July 6 when the visitor will be Mr Sam Joy, chairman and managing director of the Ford Motor Company, and the preacher will be the Venerable Ian Griggs (OB), Archdeacon of Ludlow. Term ends on July 12. The following awards have been made:

Major Foundation Scholarships: C D Lewis, St Peter's RC Junior, Billericay; R C H Bowyer, St Cedd's, Chelmsford; M J Bramble, Junction Road County Junior, Brentwood; S A C Marsh, Brentwood Preparatory School.

Minor foundation scholarships: N C Sommerlad, St Cedd's, Chelmsford; R J Taylor, St Cedd's, Chelmsford; R J A Clifton, St Cedd's, Chelmsford; R A Power, Brentwood Preparatory School.

Music scholarships: N J Haindel, Brentwood Preparatory School; C C Hall, Brentwood Preparatory School.

Art scholarships: M C Fisher, Brentwood Preparatory School.

Boarding scholarships: J L Andrews, St Cedd's, Chelmsford; S H C Born, Brentwood Preparatory School.

Cheltenham Ladies College

Summer Term begins today. The summer concert will take place on Friday, July 12. Speech day and the leavers' ball will be held on Saturday, July 13. The Daisy Ball will be held at the Hurlingham Club on Friday, May 31, 1985, in aid of the GCLC centenary Appeal. Information is available from Miss Leslie, 25 Englewood Road, London SW12 9PA. Telephone: 628 9611 (day) or 673 2948 (evening). Scholarships awarded this year are:

Academic scholarships: Centenary scholarship: Rhiannon Evans, St Christopher's School, Farnham, Surrey. Major scholarship: Alice Bardswell, Old Vicarage School, Richmond, Surrey. Minor scholarships: Rachel Bliss, Berkhamsted School, Cheltenham; Lady Sentonge, Hampshire School, London SW7.

Music scholarships: Major scholarship: Jennifer Nicholls, Charlton Kings Junior School, Cheltenham. Minor scholarship: Catharine Worsley, Moat Junior School, Gloucester. Instrumental award: Griselda Yorke, Abbey School, Tewkesbury.

City of London School

Summer Term begins today and ends on Friday, July 12. Half-term is from May 27 to 31. The summer concert will be given on Thursday, May 23. The foundation stone of the new school (to which the school will move in the summer of 1986) will be laid by the Lord Mayor of London at 12.15pm on Friday, May 24.

Dean Close School

Summer Term begins today. Academic scholarships will be held on June 13 to 15. Prizegiving and commemoration is on June 8 when the principal guest will be the Right Rev J. D. Wakeling. On June 18 there will be an endowment concert in the town hall given by Miss Marian Montgomery. The Old Decanian gaudy and annual dinner will take place at the school on July 13. Dr and Mrs K. R. Aris have taken over Fawley House in succession to Mr M. R. Bowden. The Marquess of Reading has joined the governing body and Mr S. Bon Bernard becomes chairman of the executive committee on the retirement of Sir Leonard Hooper. K. B. Hemshall is captain of cricket and Sheila Milne is captain of girls' tennis.

Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls

Summer Term begins today and ends on July 12. The head girl is Charlotte Hume. On May 11 swimming and tennis teams will visit Elstree for the annual competitions between Haberdashers' girls schools. Half term will be from noon on Friday, May 24, to 9am on Thursday, May 30. Senior speech day and prizegiving will be at 2.30pm on July 11. The speaker will be Mrs Heather Brigstocke, High Mistress of St Paul's School, London. Old girls wishing to attend this function should apply for tickets to the school secretary.

Heathfield School Fellowship

Heathfield School Fellowship will meet on Saturday, May 18, 1985. Old Girls and past members of staff and their families are invited to luncheon at 12.45 and to Evensong and a thanksgiving service for the life of Miss Norah Gallagher at 3pm. The service will be taken by the Rev Andrew Rowe (school chaplain) and an address given by Mrs Charles Hargreaves (formerly Dawn Mackay, old girl and former headmistress). Please notify Mrs Watkins, Headmistress, if you wish to attend the service. Luncheon tickets at £6 may be obtained from Mrs Peter Reeve, Leadenham House, Leadenham, Lincolnshire (please enclose stamped addressed envelope).

Holmwood House

Summer Term begins today at Holmwood House Preparatory School, Lexden, Colchester. *A Day at the Sea-Side*, a new play with music set in Edwardian England, will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 2 to 4 at 7pm. Entrance tests for boys or girls wishing to enter the school in September will be held on Saturdays, May 4 and June 15. Sports day is on Friday, May 24; the summer concert on Friday, July 12; old boy day on Saturday, July 13 and term ends on Saturday, July 20.

The King's School, Canterbury

Summer term begins today. P. H. McCleery is captain of school. Handel's *Solomon* will be performed in the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral on May 11 and King's Week will run from July 11-17. Speech Day is on July 18 when the anniversary preacher will be the Rev Richard Harries, Dean of King's College, London.

Rossall School

Summer Term begins today. The CCF will be inspected by Major-General D. Houston on Friday, May 24. Prize day on Saturday, June 1, will be preceded by a concert and beating retreat on the previous evening. The Old Rossallian Lodge will hold its biennial dinner at Rossall on Saturday, June 29, and the Old Rossallian cricket matches will be on Saturday, July 6. The Summer ball will be held on Saturday July 13. Rose House will be holding its centenary celebrations on June 14 and 15. Old members are asked to contact their contemporaries who may not be members of the Rossallian Club.

OBITUARY

MR SAM ERVIN

Chairman of Watergate hearings



Mr Sam Ervin, the former senator who became widely known both inside and outside the United States as chairman of the select committee which conducted the Watergate hearings in 1973, died in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on April 23 at the age of 88.

A courteous Southerner, with a folksy manner and an unshakable dedication to constitutional principles as he saw them, Ervin was the central figure in the long weeks of Watergate hearings. Through the extensive television coverage his bushy eyebrows, eloquent in their response to what was said, and his homespun tales became nationally known.

But underneath this disarming manner was a fierce determination that constitutional rights should not be violated. It led to clashes with President Nixon and his administration as the committee tried to unearth the facts about the original Watergate burglary, carried out in 1972; and ultimately contributed to Nixon's resignation in 1974.

Samuel James Ervin was born in Morganton, North Carolina, on September 27, 1896. He attended the University of North Carolina and, after service in France in the First World War, when he was twice cited for gallantry, went to the Harvard Law School and began to practise law in Morganton.

He had some years as a judge and served on the North Carolina Supreme Court before being appointed to the US Senate to fill a vacancy in 1954. Over the next 20 years he was regularly reelected, and made a reputation in Washington as a man of broadly conservative outlook and an authority on the American constitution.

As a true Southern Democrat, he opposed the civil rights legislation of the 1950s and 1960s, designed to improve the position of the blacks. He was in favour of relatively high military spending, and supported the policies of successive Administrations in Vietnam.

But at the same time he was a man of independent judgement, who had voted to censure Senator Joseph McCarthy in 1954 and opposed a national system of surveillance of dissidents in 1970. It was this, together with his high reputation in the Senate as an authority on constitutional law, which led to his appointment as chairman of the Watergate committee in 1973.

The committee's task was to investigate the burglary of the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington in June, 1972, a few months before the presidential election. As a succession of witnesses was called it became increasingly clear not only that responsibility led back to Nixon's closest associates, but that there had been a deliberate attempt to cover it up.

As details emerged of this and other "dirty tricks", Ervin led the process of probing, while enlivening the proceedings with a string of home truths and with quotations from the Bible, Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson and many others. Hardly known to the wider public before the hearings, he became a national figure. But he remained characteristically modest about his role, declaring to the end, "I'm just an ol' country lawyer from Dixie".

He did not stay long in the Senate after Nixon's resignation, announcing his own retirement in late 1974 and returning to a law practice in Morganton. He published his own account of Watergate, followed this year by his autobiography, *Preserving the Constitution*.

MR PATRICK WILKINSON

Mr Patrick Wilkinson, Reader in Latin Literature at Cambridge University and formerly Vice-Provost of King's College, died on April 23 aged 77.

Born on June 1, 1907, he went to Charterhouse and as a scholar of King's he carried off the highest university awards in Classics. His development owed much to the influence of Sir John Sheppard, and he was one of the many young scholars whom that remarkable man sent to Greece at his expense.

After postgraduate research on Horace at Munich and Rome, in 1932 he was elected to a Fellowship at King's, to the service of which he devoted his life. In addition to being University Lecturer and then Reader he was also for many years University Orator, noted for his sonorous voice and his ability to present for their honorary degrees even the most technical research scientists in elegant classical Latin.

During the Second World War he became one of the large colony of dons who worked in intelligence at Bletchley.

In 1944 he married Sydney, daughter of Sir Herbert Eason. They had two sons.

Wilkinson was a conspicuously successful Senior Tut

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How a Surrey University department pioneered an academic revolution in tourism studies

Age of change in catering

It has been more than a coming of age this month at the University of Surrey department which has long been a pioneer in the hotel, catering and tourism fields.

The largest university department of its kind in Europe, it is celebrating the 21st anniversary of the first launch outside America of an honours degree course in hotel and catering. This part of the campus in Guildford attracts students from many countries around the world as well as within Britain and the expertise of its staff is in wide demand for consultancy work, particularly abroad.

Surrey is among a handful of top academic powerhouses in tourism, mentioned in the same breath as Cornell in the United States and Lausanne in Switzerland.

Coincidentally this month it has also changed its name from the Department of Hotel, Catering and Tourism Management to the Department of Management Studies for Tourism and Hotel Industries. It is not just semantic juggling. Like the industry itself the department has reached a watershed in its development. Change is being demanded to meet the needs of one of the fastest growing industries in the world.

If the forecasters are right, tourism will be Britain's biggest industry by the end of this decade. Being labour intensive it provides proportionately more jobs than in the manufacturing sector where technology advances usually mean employment of fewer people.

Such a rapidly expanding industry as tourism demands an increasing supply of managers who can elaborate strategies to match development needs. As long ago as 1967 the Surrey department introduced the study of tourism in all its aspects into its curriculum and has since sought to come to terms with what is a complex activity involving airlines, tour operators, travel agents, hotel and restaurant groups, exhibitions with conferences, and owners of attractions from museums and historic houses to theme parks and sporting centres.

It is a world away from the days when those in the tourism industry, relying on basic craft skills and a dash of business acumen, simply learned through experience whether they were running old-style bus tours, setting up a fairground or operating hotels and restaurants. It was the heyday of the apocryphal European peasant entrepreneur whose instinct not only for profit but also for people marked him out as having a natural flair for hotel keeping or running a restaurant.

Few in Britain then recognised that the industry could demand the highest skills and the best brains. Even now this is not fully appreciated. There is still a greater demand from candidates from girl's schools for university places in hotels, catering and tourism studies than from the boys' schools. Men tend to come forward because families are already involved in the business or because parents have become aware of the industry's growth prospects.

In those early days the only academic preparation available for the business was merely an extension of cookery-based domestic science. The roots of the Surrey department are in such a craft base.

Working with industry is an important aspect

It is a base that goes back to the opening in 1894 of the Battersea Polytechnic Institute which offered a domestic science course. Teacher training and commercial catering studies were added and in 1949 a new department aimed to provide the hotel and catering industry with "scientific training" for managers and executives in the hotel and catering industry.

As early as 1957, when the Polytechnic became a College of Advanced Technology, a four-year diploma course was introduced, with a third year spent in industry. After the Robbins Report the Battersea college was designated the University of Surrey and moved to its present location at pastoral Stag Hill in 1968.

Interface with industry has been a salient characteristic of the whole University including the Faculty of Human Studies of which the tourism and hotel industries department is part. The department's sharing of this philosophy has clearly influenced its thrust with its orientation towards management needs.

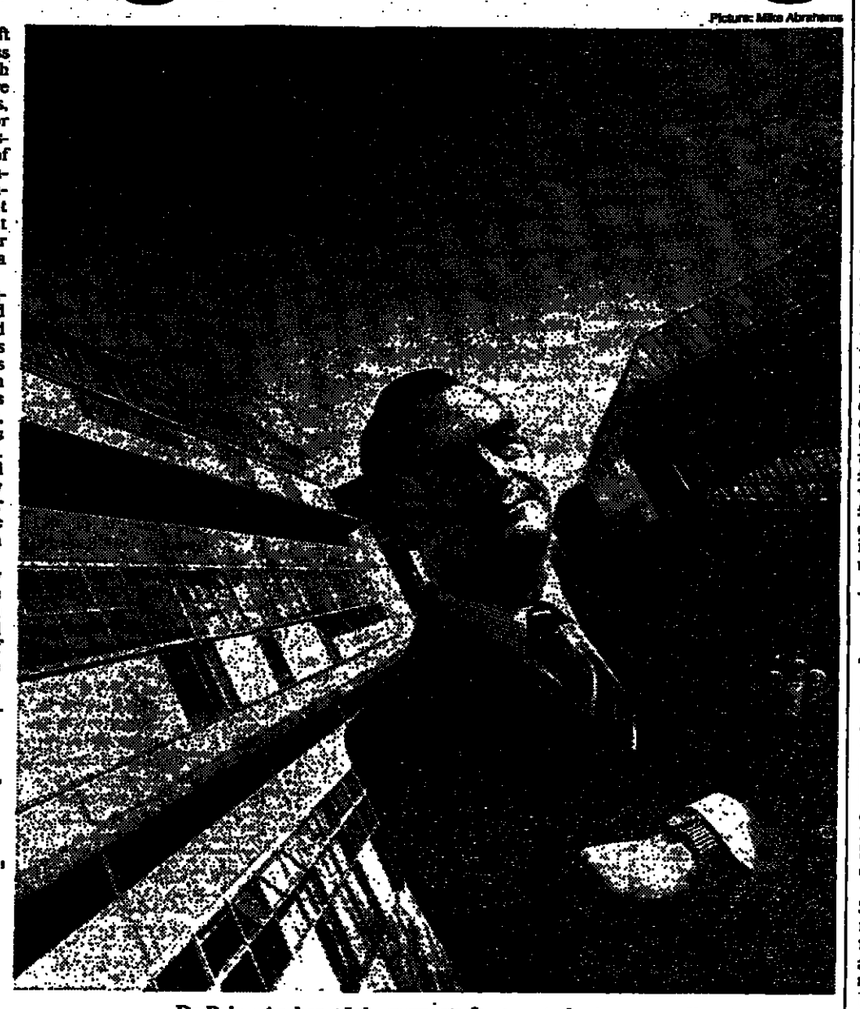
This is in contrast, for instance, to Lausanne which has continued during its development to be more craft orientated, although it has now a broader university course approach. Cornell has reacted to the needs of the American industry in the same way as Lausanne has to the demands of the typical medium-sized Swiss hotel aiming at superb service. Cornell excels at management techniques like food and beverage control.

One leading international consultant said: "The product coming out of Surrey is at least as good and mature as that from Cornell. Surrey tends to be more international orientated, possibly because tuition is European rather than American.

Surrey graduates come out knowing more about tourism than those from Cornell.

Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Picture: Mike Abrahams



Dr Brian Archer: 'Job prospects for our students are excellent'

Experts who aim to serve the world

The evolution the hotel and catering industry has brought it to a stage of maturity where high quality management skills are now demanded as a matter of course.

On the academic side it means not only that coherent management disciplines need to be passed on but research is necessary to add to a growing corpus of knowledge alone can allow a university to fulfil the key role of leading an industry to the next stages of development.

This the University department has been doing, notably in the application of computerization techniques to the industry and the management of energy demands. Research showed that energy costs United Kingdom hotels £274 million a year and the catering industry a further £356 million. The department was able to demonstrate how £160 million could be saved by change of practices and other improvements that involved relatively little capital spending.

Cornerstone of Surrey's reputation

This kind of work has given the Surrey department a role as a key information centre on a world scale. Some 60 books produced by staff members, plus a wide range of articles and reports, are now standard works often translated into many languages. Most mornings a hundred or more letter inquiries come in, many from abroad.

It is the cornerstone of Surrey's now considerable international reputation, according to Dr Brian Archer, professor and head of the Surrey department. Since he took over in 1978 he has been expanding Surrey's international thrust, particularly in the last four and a half years.

The process has been speeded by the financial cuts which all universities have had to bear. Dr Archer says: "Instead of taking more cutbacks we decided to become more international and with overseas students being self-financing it helps the university maintain its level of resources."

Before the era of cuts came in during 1981 the department was taking more than 70 British students each year. Now 56 are being accepted from some 900 applications which have been coming in. "It means we can select good students and the job prospects for them are excellent", says Dr Archer. He feels able to make the now unusual boast for a university department that no ex-Surrey students are currently unemployed.

Dr Archer goes on: "We have become much more efficient as a department as a result of the cuts but the cost has been the reduction in the number of trained people from this country. We have had to put our efforts more into the overseas area when we could be putting more into Britain."

Indeed, nearly 30 per cent of the department's 320 students are from overseas. One idea now being explored is for industry to be invited to support scholarships to expand the number of British students.

An advantage of the restricted number of places is that not only can high academic qualifications be demanded but that the unusual personality demands of the industry can also be met. A student is unlikely to get into Surrey without two B's and a C at "A" level, the sort of qualification demanded in medicine or law.

But Dr Archer clearly has an empathy with the industry whose needs he is so keen to match, emphasising how much it is a people business. Tall and quiet, firm yet unabrasive, a lover of cricket and the occasional good cigar, he says: "Unlike most other industries, manufacturing for instance, most managers in ours are face to face all the time with a large number of customers. We emphasise this orientation."

It is a key factor in the initial selection of students. Dr Archer says: "They have to have good academic qualifications and the right sort of personality. They have to be outgoing. We need to know they are committed. Without the right traits in this sort of business you are at a disadvantage."

"Our product is quite different to that of a business school department or a catering college. Those leaving here are well-educated, professionally-trained students who almost straightaway can take up a responsible post in the industry."

Despite the financial strictures the department expects to continue to develop. A food management post graduate course is due to start in October next year. The number of overseas students may expand to about 110 although to go beyond that would be seen as upsetting the balance with the British intake, which is why Dr Archer believes further educational cuts impinging on the university would be detrimental.

Maintaining the pace of research is seen as crucial. The wide range of consultancy work, much of it abroad, carried out by staff at the department will continue to strengthen its unusual closeness to the industry.

Increasing standards and performance

In 1978 when leading an appeal for financial help from the industry for the Surrey department Lord Forte chairman of Trusthouse Forte, Britain's biggest hotels and catering group, said: "We in the industry are continually searching for new ways of increasing our standards and our performance. The university helps us do this. I see the future prosperity of the tourism industry resting upon the standards of professional competence which can meet the demands of a world which has increasing leisure and purchasing power."

He added: "In my opinion this department, adequately funded, has the experience, ability and initiative to make an even greater contribution to the understanding of our human resources and their functioning than financial limitations have so far allowed."

There is no question that since Lord Forte made the point the department has vastly increased its contribution but it is, ironically, despite the subsequent squeeze on its funding. If Whitehall offers no more help then the industry, all too keen to mop up the Surrey product, should come up with greater support.

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Students can now go international

Academics at Surrey cannot be accused of living in an ivory tower. In line with its policy of forging strong links with a vital, growing industry, the department has developed many points of contact and lecturers have worked in every continent except Australia.

Undergraduates get exposed to the hard realities of commerce during a professional year when they work in the hospitality industry in Europe and North America. British postgraduate students have usually had a taste of working in the industry which has prompted them to extend their first-degree studies with a vocational course to equip them for top management jobs. Overseas students on post-graduate courses have held senior posts in countries where tourism is an important foreign currency earner.

Visiting lecturers include a member of the board of British Airways and directors of a major holiday company and an international consultancy in tourism.

Many of the staff have practical experience in the industry to complement their academic qualifications and in addition to teaching are actively engaged in research and consultancy work in this country and abroad.

Faculty members include specialists in economics, finance, food science, food service operations, human resource management, law, marketing, nutrition, planning and design, sociology and technology. "The wide variety of specialists in the department is what makes us unique and internationally respected," says Dr Fred Lawson, a stalwart of the department and now a part-time senior lecturer in tourism planning and design and properties management.

His own impressive range of qualifications come together nicely at Surrey. He has worked in local government as an environmental health officer, as an engineer and surveyor and as chief officer of a local authority in a tourist region of the Yorkshire dales where he first got involved in tourism planning. His first teaching post was at Queen's University, Belfast, where he taught architecture and engineering.

"One subject in which all these things come together is hotel management and tourism," said Dr Lawson. "One of the big advantages for the department is that my colleagues have much the same sort of background. They have all had a variety of experience. We come together with specialist knowledge, which needs to be fairly broad-based, bringing all these different skills to one subject and to one place. All this expertise is here."

Another essential ingredient in the recipe for success is the students themselves. As the department can take its pick from hundreds of applicants, students not only have the highest of academic standards but also strong motivations and leadership qualities.

Courses offered to eligible British and overseas students are a BSc (Honours) in hotel and catering management and a postgraduate diploma in tourism studies with the opportunity to gain an MSc degree. An MSc degree course in food management will start in 1986. In addition there are MSc courses in tourism planning and development, tourism marketing, international hotel management and food management primarily intended for overseas students as is the BSc (Ordinary) in hotel management.

The four-year BSc (Honours) course aims to provide the academic disciplines necessary for the efficient operation of hotels and catering companies. A second language is insisted on as part of the course, fostering the belief that an industry like tourism and hotel management should have people who speak at least one other language in addition to English.

The course includes one year of practical experience in the industry – a 48-week "professional year" starting in March of the second year of the course. Students can and do work abroad, in West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, the United States (with the chance of working at Disneyworld, Florida) and Canada.

Postgraduate Tourism Studies, the first course of its kind in England, is designed to give a base for employment opportunities in the travel industry. It aims to prepare recent graduates, or people with appropriate qualifications and some experience of full-time employment in the industry, for a wide range of careers in travel and tourism. Other postgraduate courses are geared to the needs of overseas applicants who have already worked in the tourist industry.

The department's facilities include computer laboratories, food science and food production laboratories and a teaching restaurant. Students are encouraged to seek computer-based solutions to problems.

Although students are not being taught to be chefs, they do have to appreciate what a chef does so that they know standards and also know how to organize people.

The teaching restaurant, a source of great pride, is managed by Mike Fowler, a lecturer in food and beverage operations who worked in the hotel and catering industry in the UK, Germany and Switzerland after his formal education at Battersea Polytechnic. Students run the restaurant which can undergo four changes, from cafeteria to banqueting venue, by switches in lighting, furniture arrangement and colour schemes. There is even a red carpet to roll out! Entertaining members of the public as well as VIPs keeps the department in touch with the community.

Irene Farnsworth



The restaurant can serve even as a cafeteria

Quality, by computer

Slow to fund research into computer systems, quicker to cash in on the results. That in Surrey's experience, is the attitude of British industry.

The department was the first in its subject area to introduce computer-based teaching. It pioneered applications on microcomputers in 1978 when the hotel industry was ill at ease with the use of personal computers in business. Undeterred, the department has pursued research to demonstrate the potential of low cost business computers in the hotel and catering industries.

After casting round unsuccessfully for a commercial collaborator to develop catering information and food and beverage control systems, the department got a group of London hospitals to back research which produced the first Catering Information Systems based on a small computer.

The project was extremely successful in terms of both cost – the computers paid for themselves 10 times over in the first year – and in benefits of food quality. A number of large hospitals, the BBC, the army and North Thames Gas use the package although there are now several commercial systems on the market.

The department investigated food and diet and came up with Superdiet, able to design and monitor diets and one of the best-known programs of its type in the UK. Few dieticians in the NHS seem able to marshal the resources to deploy this package but it is used in private clinics and by retail organisations such as Boots and Marks and Spencer.

The third major system to come out of computer research in the department is a Financial Planning System which produces feasibility projections for hotel and catering projects.

Proof of the pudding is in the eating and computer programes developed at Surrey have been used in other areas of research undertaken by the department. They proved invaluable in investigations of school meals, meals-on-wheels, dietary scales in prisons and army feeding.

"We are trying to design a system where the reservations manager will turn to a computer and be able to see immediately whether he can take an advance group booking", said Paul Gamble, senior lecturer in management studies. "The big thing about an expert decision is that it builds confidence."

"We want industry to start supporting us. Technology is moving on and we need to move our systems out. We would like industry to come and work with us. We talked to one company that had experimented with a commercially developed system but had run into difficulties. We could have not only done the system for one-third of the price we could also have helped them. Another company we approached for a grant of £20,000 was a division of a company making £20 million profit. They didn't turn us down outright. They just said perhaps when they got to know us better. . . .

"Our close counterpart, Cornell, has an enormous amount of support from industry – and gets tax concessions not available to us. But on the whole our contribution has been bigger than Cornell. We are ahead but Cornell is going to catch up with us, basically because of this American thing about resources. We haven't got a big brother."

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High fliers of all nations migrate to Surrey



Old and new: The famous pre-war Skegness poster and the modern look of David Airey, tourism department head

High fliers in the tourist industry are among overseas students attracted to Surrey by its growing international reputation.

Now looking for advancement, both for themselves and their countries, they are impressed with the quality of the postgraduate courses.

Cliff Hamilton, from the Bahamas, believes that Surrey will be the best centre in the world for tourism studies for years to come.

"Had there been an equivalent course in the US, I would have gone there," said 30-year-old Mr Hamilton, who gained a hotel management degree at the International University, Florida, and studied aspects of tourism at Cornell.

The opportunity to spend a year on Surrey's MSc tourism planning and development course came when the two large hotels with boating marinas in Freeport, which he had managed for four years, closed for renovation.

Mr Hamilton, who started hotels work at the age of 12, said that the Department of Management Studies for Tourism and Hotel Industries had given "credibility and respectability" to the study of tourism.

"I think the faculty members here are first-rate," he said. "They have tremendous experience with developing countries. Another major contribution to the personal and professional development of each and every student is that you have people here with a lot in common in respect of social and economic background. So many are from former British colonies."

When he returns to the Bahamas, where tourism is the lifeblood contributing more than 60 per cent of the gross national product, Mr Hamilton hopes to progress from hotel management to a job at government or corporate level in tourism planning.

Haiph Loi, from Singapore, is also among the first batch of 14 students on the MSc course primarily intended for overseas students.

"The reason for my being here is the department's reputation. Surrey has made tourism a responsible field of study," said 28-year-old Mr Loi.

A graduate of the National University of Singapore, majoring in political science, Mr Loi's first job was with Singapore Airlines as an international relations officer. He applied for, and got, a scholarship to study tourism overseas. He thought the world was his oyster and hoped for a place at the University of Hawaii.

"It transpired I didn't have a choice. Surrey was insisted on because it is so highly regarded," he said. "Its reputation in Singapore is such that coming here compares with going to Oxford or Cambridge. When I return I shall be expected to contribute a lot. I shall be working for Singapore Tourist Promotion, probably in the marketing department."

Another MSc student, 32-year-old Raj Makoond, who worked in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development in Mauritius, has welcomed the chance of applying himself to tourism as an area of academic research. Mr Makoond, who has a degree in economics gained in Bombay and a certificate in Project Appraisal for which he studied in Connecticut, considers the value of the course is its wide range. Students are encouraged to look at tourism from many standpoints including historic, geographic and economic.

"Tourism is important to the economic growth of Mauritius – it is the third largest foreign exchange earner and responsible for 5,000 direct jobs," said Mr Makoond. "It is expected to grow reasonably large and new hotels are being built."

Sohoon Gohoorah, a tourist officer from Mauritius, is also at Surrey studying for a diploma in tourism studies. Mr Gohoorah, aged 36, studied tourism as an undergraduate and has also studied tourist promotion in Japan. He is on the course to improve his knowledge of tourism as an industry and to learn new techniques in planning and marketing.

On the same course, which they believe will help them achieve their goals of management jobs in the travel industry, are British students Caroline Subin and Nicky Page, both aged 23. Miss Subin, who read geography at Manchester University, worked for a tour company in Athens after graduating and would like to work with a major tour operator either on product design or at product mangerial level.

"I think the course, which is very good, will make me more confident and help me to do a job well," she said.

Miss Page, who has a degree in humanities, would also like to work with one of the big tour operators either in public relations or marketing. She worked for a small tour operator in London for a year but realized it was going to be difficult to move into management.

"I wasn't prepared to spend years at grass roots level", she said. "I gave up a job to come here because I think it will help me get on in a competitive industry."

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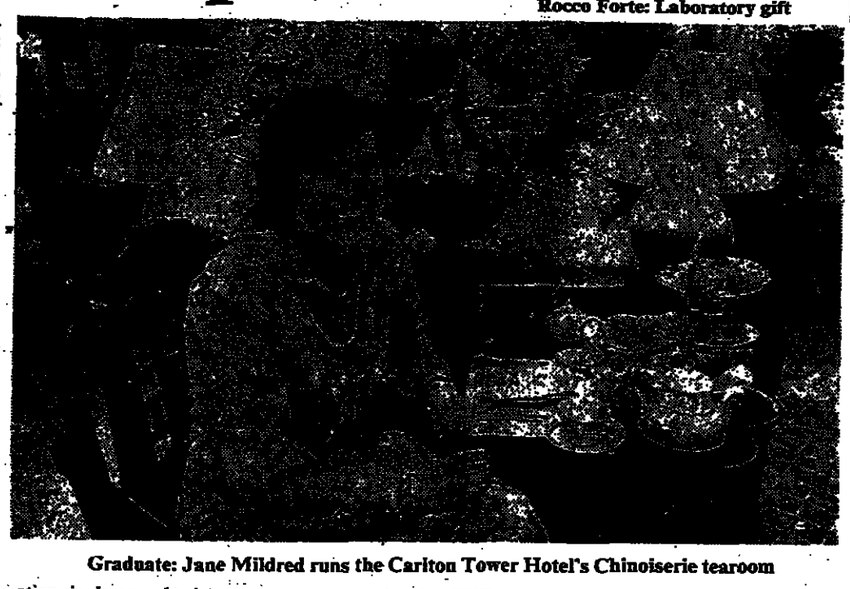
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THF chief gives graduates a warm reception



Rocco Forte: Laboratory gift



Graduate: Jane Mildred runs the Carlton Tower Hotel's Chinoiserie tearoom

Britain's booming tourist industry cannot get enough of the sort of graduates turned out by Surrey. One leader of the industry convinced of this is Rocco Forte, chief executive of Trusthouse Forte, Britain's biggest hotels and catering group. THF, long led by his father Lord Forte, THF chairman, has had links with the Surrey department for years. Lord Forte holds an honorary doctorate of the University – which has been given a laboratory as a gift from THF.

At his office in London's Park Lane, controlling a leisure empire that includes hotels in the United States and Europe, Mr Forte Said: "The industry needs more graduates which is why I would like to see more universities involved. But Surrey has done a fantastic job."

He went on: "It is easy to build a hotel. It is afterwards that the trouble starts because there is always a shortage of top-class management. So the more intelligent, motivated and qualified people you get knocking on the door the better."

Of the steady stream of potential managers coming out of Surrey every year THF usually takes at least three or four. Mr Forte said: "Whenever I have gone there I have always been impressed at the enthusiasm of both staff and students. They are very committed people, very involved in the industry they have joined."

Surrey graduates find their way not only into THF hotels – there are around 200 in Britain alone – but also into industrial and other catering like the fast-expanding Little Chef chain of roadside restaurants, now numbering about 230. Head of THF's overseas hotels operation is Jeremy Logie, an ex-Surrey man.

Mr Forte approves the nitty-gritty approach of Surrey with its continued close involvement with the industry and the many companies and organizations within it. In the work year that is part of Surrey's BSc (Honours) course students get to grips with the realities of the jobs to be done.

Mr Forte said: "There has always been the danger on all courses of ignoring the basics. However high a level of manager you are in the industry if you have intimate and detailed knowledge of how it works it is a godsend."

Surrey's orientation towards management skills meets a need at companies like THF or any other group with extensive hotel and catering interests like Grand Metropolitan, Ladbroke Hotels or the Imperial Group's leisure division that includes the Courage breweries and public hoouses.

Mr Forte believes that after some practical experience in a company to expand essential knowledge of the basics graduates from a university like Surrey can move up the management ladder. He said: "Multi-unit responsibility is very different from running one operation. It calls for a different type of person. Some can manage if they are on the spot involving themselves in day to day detail but find it difficult to make the transition into running other managers."

Those at the sharp end of the industry, whether operating restaurants and pubs or running hotels and exhibition halls, naturally look to the basics as essential underpinning for management skills. Equally, there is an increasing demand for skills in planning for the widespread changes taking place in tourism where regional or national views on strategy need to be taken.

There is a Surrey background among half the consultant strength of Horwath and Horwath UK, part of Stoy Hayward and international consultants in hotels, catering and tourism. Among them are Trevor Ward and Geoff Parkinson, both Surrey graduates and directors of Horwath and Horwath. There are now some 10 people with Surrey connections involved with the firm.

Mr Parkinson said: "One of the successes of the Surrey department is that they produce employable graduates. A graduate from the course can go into any area of financial administration and run an operation." Many different types of operations can be involved, he pointed out, from travel agencies to tour operators, and taking in big-volume management such as theme parks.

Mr Ward believes the industrial year at Surrey contributes a good deal to the department's success in turning out graduates fitted to move into the industry. Both he and Mr Parkinson spent their industrial year in hotels.

"I did every job in the hotel," Mr Ward said. "One day I would be acting as assistant manager and the next sorting the dirty linen. It gave me a much sharper understanding and altered my perspective on the industry".

Tourism, taking in the employment and accommodation of people, now covers a wider spectrum than just the hotel industry, pointed out Jonathan Bodlender, Horwath's managing director in the UK. The growth of the consultancy is symptomatic of what is going on in the industry: the business grew by a half last year and could do as much again this.

One-time Surrey students have found their way into a wide variety of top positions in the industry. Peter Catesby is managing director of Swallow Hotels. Alan Jackson managing director of the Beefeater Steakhouses chain. Robert Earl chairman and managing director of President Entertainments. Paddy Wisker head of training at British Airways. Jane Mildred manager of the Chinoiserie tearoom at the Carlton Tower Hotel, London and Ian Graham director of finance at Gleneagle Hotels group. Two in catering are John Sharpe, northern operations manager of ARA Services, and Ms Gillian Cutts, an area manager with Grandmet Catering Services.

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Target is 20 million foreign visitors by 1988

● Last year nearly 13.8 million foreign visitors came to Britain, 11 per cent more than in 1983. They spent £4,194 million in Britain, a 15 per cent increase on the previous year. The British Tourist Authority's latest estimate is for 20 million foreign visitors by 1888 spending £10 billion; indicating that by then tourism will be the nation's biggest industry.

Domestic tourism in 1983 is estimated to have involved some £5,300 million spending, an increase over the previous year of some £850 million. This compares with British spending abond in 1983 of £4,425 million. Much of the domestic tourism growth seems to be coming from day trips and additional short holidays like the increasingly popular weekend breaks.

It adds up to a boom industry with a growing demand for increasingly skilled personnel particularly at manager level.

● Degree courses in hotel and catering management studies are also available at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland, the University of Wales at Cardiff, and the University of Ulster.

There are some dozen polytechnics offering degree courses, including those at Leeds, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Manchester, Oxford, North London and Middlesex.

Other establishments with high reputations in the field include the Dorset College of Higher Education. There is also the Westminster Hotel School.

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Some food for thought about people's eating habits

British children are starved – of nutritional information. They do not know how to eat well, and given the chance would choose hamburgers and chips five days a week.

But Vietnamese "boat children" living in a refugee camp in the UK were found to be far better informed about healthy eating. They knew about nutritional values and were able to vary their selection of food, researchers at the University of Surrey discovered.

The food management team in the Department of Management Studies for Tourism and Hotel Industries seeks contracts for research in the field to keep in close contact with people and their eating habits.

As well as the study of school meals in London, following the introduction of cash cafeterias, and of how the Vietnamese adapted their diet to food available in Britain, recent research has included investigations of meals-on-wheels for the elderly, dietary scales in prisons, British Army feeding and additives and contaminants in relation to food and health.

The team's 1984 report on the Inner London Education Authority school meals service said it was irresponsible for any government to scrap the obligation to provide balanced, traditional school meals. (The 1980 Education Act removed the statutory duty of local education authorities to provide a meal of defined nutritional standard).

Dr James Thomson, reader in food studies at Surrey, said: "Our report found it was not right to give children a selection of food unless they were able to make an educated choice. There is a great need for nutritional education in schools at primary and secondary levels. Children need to know that, as a nation, we eat too much sugar and fat. We found that Vietnamese children knew about nutritional values and knew what to eat according to how they felt. Obviously this came from parents."

During the £35,000 research study commissioned and financed by the ILEA and carried out by a team from Surrey lead by Mr Michael Kipps, senior lecturer in food science, and Dr. Thomson, 4,000 children and 300 head teachers and school caterers were surveyed.

At the conclusion of the two-year project, the authority announced an ambitious programme to improve the nutritional standard of its popular "choose-your-own" cafeteria school meals and to involve teachers, children and parents in nutrition education.

In view of accumulating evidence of the strong connection between diet and many of the "diseases of affluence" in western society, the Surrey researchers believe that education in eating for health is as important as that in respect of smoking and excessive drinking.

Convinced of the potential of school meals as a nutrition education resource, the team advocated a food group system, such as the colour coding schemes used in North America and France, to help children identify a balanced meal. Educationists in the ILEA have now worked out a food group system which they are planning to institute in schools in the near future.

The research funded by the ILEA is having a widespread effect. The authority has made a summary of the findings (available for £2) and this has been taken up by education authorities worldwide.

Study of the Vietnamese diet showed that it was low in fats and high in carbohydrates from cereals, vegetables and fruit, closely approximating the current recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education.

Research student Eleanor Carlson lived at a reception centre for refugees during the summer of 1980 at which time she was holder of the Carnation Research Fellowship at Surrey.

She discovered that the Vietnamese are accustomed to varying their diet to meet physiological demands and found it interesting to see how complex dietary laws, based on Chinese philosophy, were translated into every day practice.

Meals were discussed and planned with the age and state of health of individual family members in mind. What the Vietnamese eat and why is regulated by principles similar to the law of the five elements and *yin yang*. Recipes in Vietnamese books and magazines give information on digestive and medicinal properties and comment on vitamins present.

The value the Vietnamese place on food in their hierarchy of man's needs and wants were concepts which people in the west found difficult to understand, the researcher concluded. Attention to the nuances of an individual physical state would be considered neurotic. But the "boat people", often regarded as originating from a Third World country and, therefore, lacking the technical knowledge of developed countries, knew more about food values. For the majority of British people, the dietary system followed had failed to build the bridge linking the science of nutrition with the foods people eat.

Yet the equivalent of four years of our three score and ten are spent in consuming food, Mr Kipps and Dr Thomson pointed out, reporting on their survey of geriatric feeding – a two-year project on meals-on-wheels services in the UK for the Department of Health and Social Services.

Mr Kipps and Dr Thomson reviewed problems associated with providing food for the elderly assessing the economic factors in the light of the nutritional, psychological and sociological requirements of old people.

Disturbing practices in meals-on-wheels

Despite the active participation of volunteers, especially in rural areas, meals-on-wheels were found to be heavily subsidized.

The researchers looked at food buying, preparation, packaging and distribution. Disturbing practices emerged regarding distribution. Boxes of charcoal blocks used to keep food hot were giving off carbon monoxide fumes far higher than would be allowed in an industrial situation. And loaded delivery vans were being driven into garages to fill up with petrol.

The university constructed a questionnaire, and in overall terms a favourable picture was obtained. There was room for small improvements, particularly with regard to the temperature of the delivered meal. Getting truthful responses was difficult, said Dr Thompson; it was felt that old people were sensitive and may have feared that the service would be withdrawn if they were not entirely happy. Geriatric feeding was looked at locally (in a London borough), nationally and internationally.

To examine food habits, food acceptance and nutrition in the British Army, the researchers looked at the Falklands diet. They discovered that soldiers went into battle with a *circa* 1949 diet.

"If you were sending someone to run a marathon, you would do it differently," said Dr Thompson.

Health warning for modern food?

Rations, based on the traditional British diet, were packed in small but bulky tins. Soldiers threw out food they didn't fancy. The army was persuaded to carry out a complete review and to explore the possibility of plastic packaging.

An army major is currently a post-graduate student at Surrey having been awarded a Ministry of Defence fellowship. His brief is to critically evaluate feeding of British soldiers. He is also doing a PhD on army feeding. "He is going all over the world looking at how other armies are fed," said Dr Thompson. "I hope he will get a further year to do nutritional analysis. The army is supporting us tremendously."

The Home Office called on the Surrey team to review diet in prisons, where a successful effort has been made to increase the amount of fibre in meals and reduce the high level of salt. The university would welcome continuous involvement in monitoring prison diet, said Dr Thomson.

Research affecting the general public gave rise to considerable disquiet. The average Briton is now getting through treble the amount of additives he was consuming in 1955, and this has prompted Dr Thomson to pose the question: "Should modern food carry a Government health warning?"

More notice is now being taken of the need to inform people about food content. The food management team applauds healthy High Street trends now emerging. Well-known supermarkets have started to show fibre, sugar and fat content on labels.

And last October, McDonald's became the first fast food chain to dispense nutrition leaflets in their 166 British outlets to enable customers to make an educated choice. An invitation to write for further information has been heavily taken up.

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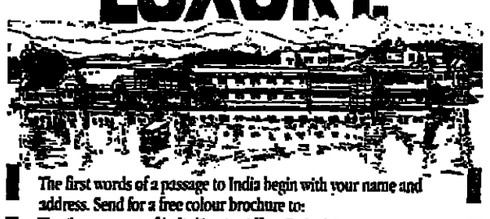
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Tebbit and the Governor stage a double act

Although relations between the Bank of England and the Treasury have at times been uneasy in recent months, there are clearly no such obstacles to the harmony which surrounds Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank, and Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Yesterday, both Mr Tebbit and Mr Leigh-Pemberton were expatiating publicly on the future of the City and the securities industry. Not only did they speak with one voice on certain key elements in the debate, but Mr Tebbit was prevailed upon to spend several minutes defending the Governor in respect of the proposal in the Government's White Paper on Financial Services that the chairman of the embryonic Securities and Investments Board should be appointed with the Governor's agreement.

When Mr Tebbit reached this passage in his speech opening the House of Commons debate on the White Paper, he was immediately subjected to a thicket of interventions – the bulk of which came from Nick Budgen and Anthony Beaumont-Dark on the Government benches. Quite patently, there are stronly and deeply held feeling on this matter. The principle at stake is that the supremacy of Parliament should not be subject to an outside agency, even one as distinguished as the Bank. Poor Mr Leigh-Pemberton was pilloried as "an official of the State", which strictly speaking he is not, as the Bank is a nationalized organization rather than a direct arm of Government. The intensity of the objections forced Mr Tebbit into admitting that the Bank had been given the right to disagree against the day when Mr Tebbit's office is held by someone less sympathetic to the City than he.

Mr Leigh-Pemerton, meanwhile, was addressing the Unit Trust Association at a lunch following the UTA's annual meeting. Like Mr Tebbit a couple of miles away and a couple of hours later, he tacitly conceded the long-term likelihood that there will be a single body to supervise the financial services industry instead of the two presently proposed. But both agree that it is no bad thing to have two to do the enormous amount of spade-work needed to get the new system off the ground.

The other significant echo lay in the acceptance by both men that there is a potential danger that the stock market may be subject to fragmentation because of the length of the run-up to next year's "big bang". Mr Tebbit acknowledged the need for swift completion of the reforms, while the Governor admitted that he was keeping an eye on the degree of fragmentation which has occurred away from the stock market, to ensure that it does not grow into a rift.

The Thatcherized face of state industry

The men who run Britain's surviving nationalized industries are a very different bunch from those Mrs Thatcher inherited in 1979. It has been an agonizingly slow process, but the Government can now finally claim that it has a majority of its own kind of man at the helm of the key state industry baronies.

Men such as Ian MacGregor at coal, Lord King at British Airways and Sir Robert Haslam at British Steel are the kind of tough, commercially minded and experienced businessmen whom the Prime Minister rightly insists are needed to run the big public enterprises which are not yet ready – for one reason or another – to return to the private sector. The last great corporatist baron, Sir Denis Rooke, at British Gas, appears increasingly the exception rather than the model of the new nationalized industry chairmen.

It was the Centre for Policy Studies which last summer highlighted the fact that several of the new state industry bosses are politically very closely aligned with Mrs Thatcher and her private enterprise culture. Yesterday the same body produced its latest updated survey of the chairmen and boards of the state industry sector. It comes at an opposite time when the industries are debating with Whitehall about the Treasury's plan for a wide-ranging new statutory framework for the nationalized industries.

The report shows that the composition of boards continues to evolve, albeit at a slowish rate. Increasing numbers of the top people in the industries are drawn from the private sector rather than coming up through the industry's own ranks. The Civil Aviation Authority and the National Bus Company (soon to be privatized) are the latest to have experienced an injection of private sector experience and talent. The Government's drive to increase the number of outside non-executive directors on the boards of industries also continues to have its effect.

Mr Trevor Morse, the author of the report, notes the recent changes in the management structure of the National Coal Board under Mr MacGregor, with its increased emphasis on a top-tier, largely non-executive board, and its separation from the career management structure lower down in the organization. He also notes the recent changes at British Shipbuilders, where Mr Graham Day has shrunk his board from 11 to seven.

Despite the changes, the average state industry board member remains older than his counterpart in private industry (the average age of board members is 57) and markedly less well paid. Only five of the 181 board members looked at by Mr Morse are women.

The report highlights the fact that next year will mark another key turning point in the state industries' relationship with Government. At least five key chairman, including MacGregor, Rooke, Day and Haslam, are due to reach the end of their current terms. How or whether they are replaced will set the tone for the Government's dealings with them past the next election.

Barclays widens apartheid debate

In view of the new debate in the United States over the future of company investment in South Africa, the regular row at the annual meeting of Barclays Bank took on more significance than usual yesterday.

Sir Timothy Bevan, Barclays' chairman challenged critics of the bank's involvement in South Africa to show that withdrawal would do more to bring about change than working from within.

"The burden of proof is on the disinvestors to show how much more could be achieved than we have achieved by our policy of constructive engagement," he said.

Sir Timothy rejected strongly the case for disinvestment. He said the bank's policies were "a substantial force for peaceful evolution" and he outlined in detail the steps Barclays had taken to help the black community. Barclays National, the South African subsidiary, employs 43 per cent of all non-whites in the banking business, although it only accounts for a quarter of the banking business in the country.

He said the bank had contributed to educational welfare and cultural schemes to help the black community and stressed that it opposed apartheid.

Barclays, in an echo of protestors' habits, passed out its own pamphlet, called *The Case for Constructive Engagement: A policy for peaceful change*. Let us hope it has some circulation across the Atlantic. For whoever finally wins the argument, it is good to see it being conducted at a higher level than a few years ago.

Sterling index in record fall and base rate hopes fade

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound plunged against all currencies yesterday, trading 4 cents down at $1.2130 at one stage. It steadied to close at $1.2275, a fall of 2.65 cents on the day.

The sterling index fell 1.5 points to close at 77.3, its biggest ever one-day fall. Earlier, the index had dipped to 77.0. Any intervention by the Bank of England to slow the pound's fall was modest.

Later in New York, the pound was trading at $1.2280.

The pound's fall reflected a combination of the dollar's revival and concern over oil prices. The drop over the past few days – around 8 cents against the dollar since the end of last week – has dashed hopes of further base rate cuts in the short term.

The modest reduction in base rates that has occurred since the March 19 Budget has had the effect of removing the cushion for sterling against the European currencies.

Reports of an imminent Soviet oil price reduction, coupled with Tuesday's news of an Egyptian price cut and sharply falling spot oil prices in Rotterdam sent sterling down against the mark.

Brent crude for May delivery fell by 45 cents to $27.55 a barrel in Rotterdam yesterday.

The poud, down nearly 6 pfennigs at one stage, closed down 3.06 at DM3.8220. Against the franc, the pound dropped 10.75 centimes to Fr11.6315.

While concern over oil hit sterling, the dollar's spirited revival dominated the markets, gaining 4.6 pfennigs to close at DM3.1150 against the mark, after spending much of yesterday afternoon trading above DM3.13.

Dealers are puzzled about the sharp turnaround in the dollar's fortunes, which began on Tuesday. When the dollar failed to respond adversely to a bearish 2.3 per cent drop in US durable goods orders in March, buyers moven in on the view that the dollar's fall of recent weeks had come to an end.

Comments by Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Rescue Board chairman, about the difficulty of reducing interest rates given the size of the US federal budget deficit, and President Reagan's reaffirmation that he will not introduce tax increases to cut the deficit, also helped the dollar.

Even so, with the pace of the dollar's rise over the past three days, few dealers expect it to climb back to the very high levels of February, when the pound was nearly pushed to parity.

There is a general feeling that the low first quarter GNP growth for the US – an annualized growth rate of just 1.3 per cent was recorded – will be followed by a second-quarter upturn.

The dollar will therefore remain vulnerable to further signs of economic slowdown, despite the perverse market reaction to the durable goods' figures. The next important US statistics are the leading indicators and trade figures, both due next Tuesday.

The pronounced currency volatility of the past week has set the tone for next week's world economic summit in Bonn. Mr James Baker, the American Treasury Secretary, sees currency stability emerging from greater co-ordination of economic policies, policed by a stronger IMF. France will push for a move back towards fixed exchange rates.

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Muirhead to fight £15m bid by RHP

By Patience Wheatcroft

RHP Group, the precision engineers, has launched a £15 million bid for Muirhead, the electricals company. Sir Raymond Brown, chairman of Muirhead and a doyen of the British defence industry, is determined to fight, if not for independence, at least for a higher price.

Muirhead's shares shot up from 140p to 180p on news of the bid, putting them slightly ahead of the offer, which is worth around 176p in RHP shares, with a 164.8p cash alternative. But Muirhead claims the bid is opportunistic – its shares have been as high as 192p within the last year. That was befor the company had produced disappointing figures for the year to September 1984 and given a warning that the first half of this year would be very depressed.

So it is proving. Muirhead's business, producing facsimile machines and components, many of them for the international defence market, is suffering through unfavourable currency rates and slack demand.

Last year profits fell by more than a fifth to £1.55 million and this year may be no better. Sir Raymond said inquiries were buoyant but cautious governments were not yet turning inquiries into orders.

RHP, formerly Ransome Hoffmann Pollard, has been through its own problems, particularly with its bearings business, but is now slimmer and in aggressive mood.

Turnover in the year to September was up from £102.4 million to £105.7 million but profits leapt from £660,000 to £6.23 million. RHP's chairman, Mr David Ewart, wants to extend the company's involvement with electricals, and Muirhead is a neat fit. "Many of our products are compatible", he said, "and Muirhead would extend our customer base."

Since October RHP has built up a 4.6 per cent stake in Muirhead. "We believe the company is under-managed, a bit tired", Mr Ewart said. He believed RHP could improve Muirhead's performance.

Sir Raymond and his family have 8 per cent of Muirhed, and the Kuwait Investment Office another 8 per cent.

TSB chief's proposals fail to win over Scots peers

By Richard Thomson

Sir John Read, chairman of the Trustee Savings Bank Group, failed to reach a compromise yesterday with an all-party group of peers over the House of Lords amendment excluding TSB Scotland from the TSB flotation Bill.

The meeting was held to find a compromise before the Bill's third reading in the Lords, but the result may delay a solution beyond next week.

Sir John presented a number of proposals to Lord Taylor of *Gryfe and three other peers who* want full control of TSB Scotland to remain in Edinburgh.

The proposals, which do not alter TSB Scotland's place in the flotation plans include a clause written into the Bill ensuring the establishment and preservation of regional TSB banking subsidiaries for England and Wales, Scotland Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. Each would be incorporated in its own country with its own head office there.



Sir John: undertakings on regional boards

The TSB would also give undertakings that the members of each regional board would initially be drawn from employees of the regional banks. Subsequently, each board would appoint its own members subject to TSB Group board approval, with 75 per cent of the members being residents of the country concerned.

The TSB Group board would also have to include members from all the regional boards. In a significant departure from the Bill, there would also be an undertaking by TSB Group not to do anything to reduce the net worth of any regional bank without two thirds agreement of the board of the bank concerned.

This would ensure that TSB Group could not reduce the branch network and services of any of the regional banks without their consent.

Lord Taylor said the proposals did not go far enough in guaranteeing TSB Scotland's freedom to operate as a separate bank.

Hopes rise over Brazil debt

By John Lawless

Talks between Western creditor banks and Brazil, due to start in New York on Monday after a two-month gap, may be postponed for a week to allow the country's political situation to crystallize after the death of the president-elect, Senhor Tancredo Neves.

The banks, however, believe that one effect of his death will be to speed settlement of a debt rescheduling package, already broadly agreed.

They believe that Senhor Neves' nephew, Senhor Francisco Dornelles, will remain minister of finance, and one banker yesterday said they hoped to see him emerge stronger "because he is much more of a realist".

The banks have had specialists in Brazil for a couple of weeks, looking at the economy, and some now believe that an unexpected $2.5 billion (£1.9 billion) new money loan may not, after all, be needed – other than for political purposes.

Senhor Dornelles is expected to present details of the "unmanageable chaos" inheritedfrom military rule to the Brazilian congress on May 8.

Until the International Monetary Fund has reached a new understanding with Brazil, the banks will not be able to activate their rescheduling agreement, with repayment of $45.3 billion over 16 years.

● Creditor governments have agreedto reschedule about $400 million of Ecuador's debt falling due betwen mid-1984 and the end of 1987, Ecuador's finance minister, Señor Francisco Swett, said yesterday in Paris.

Agreement was reached at the end of a two-day meeting

Prospectus due next week from Aerospace

The prospectus for the sale of the Government's 48 per cent stake in British Aerospace is to be published towards the end of next week. On this basis applications for the offer will have to be received by May 10.

In the stock market yesterday the shares, after falling below 400p at one stage, gained 5p to 408p. A discount of no more than 10 per cent on the current price is likely to be set by the Government's advisers, which suggests that the sale could fetch about £600 million.

£50,000 pay rise for BAT chief

By Our City Staff

The chairman of BAT, Mr Patrick Sheehy, received a one-third increase in pay for 1984, taking his total emuluments from £150,000 to £200,000, according to the British multinational's annual report yesterday. This figure includes performance related bonus, but excludes company pension contributions.

Mr Sheehy records that the group's profit from tobacco, paper, retailing and financial services has more than doubled over the past three years to £1.4 billion.

The greatest growth has come from expansion into financial services with the £664 million takeover of Hambro Life this January following the £968 million acquisition of Eagle Star.

In his annual statement, Mr Sheehy writes that these "have made the group a major force in the fast-growing market for financial services, ranking second in terms of premium income, and with £9 billion of funds under management". Further expansion i financial services is likely to, be abroad.

BAT assured *The Times* yesterday that no copies of its annual report, which is treated as a secure document, were released early. This is countrary to City speculation, reported in our Market Report yesterday, that some market participants had seen early copies.

CBI pressure over Bill

The Confederation of British Industry is to increase its pressure on Parliament to ensure that key amendments to the Insolvency Bill, introduced in the Lords, are retained when it reaches the Commons next week, Ian Griffiths writes.

Significant concessions, backed by the CBI, were won in the Lords on the disqualification of directors, wrongful trading and the Government's preferred creditor status. The CBI is now briefing MPs of all parties in an effort to counter any attempt by the Government to reverse the amendments made by the Lords.

The Government has accepted that there should no longer be any provision for the automatic disqualification of directors. However, it is likely to oppose Lord Benson's amendment, which stressed the importance of maintaining proper accounts and secures the position of directors

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Unit trusts for Pru

Prudential Assurance, Britain's biggest insurance company, is planning to go into unit trusts. Although it has marketed units under the Prutrust banner for several years, these have been sold exclusively in conjunction with life insurance policies.

This is the first time that the Prudential has handled unit trusts as savings products in their own right.

It is inderstood that a formal announcement next week will outline a clear strategy to market the new trusts among first-time investors. The move is seen as another step in the growing move towards financial supermarkets.

Laing advances

John Laing, property development and construction engineering group, has increased 1984 pretax profits to £30.3 million, up from £23.8 million. Turnover rose to £804 million from £729 million. A final dividend of 4.25p makes 6p for the year, against 5p last time.

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Campari loss

Campari International, distributors of leisurewear and camping equipment, made a pretax loss of £2.8 million in the year ending last November 30, against a previous loss of £156,000. Turnover rose 6.2 per cent to £32.3 million.

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Mr Christopher Tugendhat, who retired earlier this year as vice-president of the European Commission after four years, is to become a non-executive director of National Westminster Bank from May 1.

Vickers buy

Vickers, the engineering to Rolls Royce motors group, has acquired the Comforto Group, an international office seating concern, for £12.8 million. At 31 December 1983 Comforto had a net worth of £4.1 million and made pretax profits of £2.7 million.

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UAL down

UAL the parent of United Airlines which is buying Pan American's Asian routes, reported a first quarter loss of $661,000 (£509,000), blamed on competition and discounted fares in the United States.

NatWest role

National Westminister Bank USA is the lead bank in a syndicate of five that has arranged a $150 million (£115 million) credit line for Mr Carl Icahn's $324 million bid for Uniroyal, the tyre manufacturer. However, Natwest USA will not provide actual funds because of a danger of apparent conflict of interests.

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Shareholders' Funds	£31.04m	£24.06m

Extracts from Mr. P. R. Dugdale's Statement to Shareholders

On the three underwriting accounts open in 1984, premiums written totalled £57,671,937 (1983 – £44,637,396), an increase of 29.2%. The 1982 underwriting account reflects the upturn from the depths of the recent recession and the loss reported last year in the closure of the 1981 account.

Results and Dividends

The 1982 underwriting account produced a profit of £1,168,026 (1981 – loss £112,594). After adding investment income of £2,446,866, allocating £55,596 to the U.K. Employee Share Scheme and charging taxation of £1,576,351, the net profit for the year was £1,982,945.

The Directors have decided to recommend a final dividend of 4.68800 pence making a total of 8.43840 pence, an increase of 12.5%.

General

A year ago I spoke of the gradual spread of economic recovery in this country from the consumer-orientated trades to the investment goods sector and this process continued throughout 1984. Excluding the mining sector and related industries which were affected by the dispute in the coal industry the economy went ahead in line with expectations. As our portfolio of policies has virtually no mining or energy content, the growth in turnovers of our policyholders was, on average, well above that of the overall economy. The value of transactions we insured in the U.K. in 1984 grew by about 26%, falling just short of £19 billion, and our world-wide turnover increased to £21.9 billion.

Business failures continued at record levels in 1984 and, so far in 1985, there are no signs of any improvement in the situation. Industries particularly affected last year were building & construction and the home computer industry.

Prospects

As we moved into 1985 we saw interest rates jump by 4½ points in a matter of weeks. We at Trade Indemnity are conscious from past experience of the immediate impact of such movements on the business community, whose borrowings are directly geared to current market rates. Bearing in mind the prevailing level of insolvencies, this does not augur well for failure experience in the months ahead.

It seems right to assume that earlier increases in premium rates, whilst continuing to show through in the open underwriting accounts, will be making a lower contribution than hitherto to our premium growth. The reduction should, however, be more than offset by the effects of higher input prices and by a further expansion in the turnovers of our policyholders. We shall also be looking again to new business for a substantial part of our growth in 1985.

Copies of the Report and Accounts for 1984 are available from The Secretary, Trade Indemnity House, 12–34 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3AX

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WALL STREET

Mixed start for shares

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street share prices opened mixed yesterday in active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which jumped 12.15 to 1,278.71 on Tuesday, fell 0.33 points to 1,278.38.

Advancing issues led declines 518 to 398 among the 1,439 issues traded.

Early turnover was about 10,800 million shares.

Technology issues were lower, with IBM down ¼ to 128¾ and Digital Equipment down ⅝ to 102½.

Data General was up ⅛ to 39⅜.

General Motors fell ½ to 71, Ford was down ¼ to 43⅛ and Chrysler fell ⅛ to 36¾.

Unocal fell ½ to 48⅜.

Coca-Cola was down ¾ to 69¼.

General Electric gained ⅛ to 61⅛.

Mr Alan Shaw of Smith Barney Harris Upham, said: "You had a situation last night where the Dow showed an interim minor breakout, but lots of other indexes – Value Line and the Dow Jones transports for example – were not really showing the same type of confirmation, nor were they in a position to do so.

"Our contention has been they – the bulls – can try to rally the stock market for 20 or 30 points, but the underpinnings are not there to support it. So we have these one-day moves where people are disappointed the next day."

	Apr 23	Apr 22
AMF Inc	18⅝	19⅛
AMR	40⅜	40⅝
Allied Corp	44⅝	45⅜
Allied Stores	56½	56½
Allis Chalmers	6¾	6¾
Alcoa	32	32⅜
Amax Inc	17⅜	17½
Amerada Hess	30⅛	30⅝
Am Brands	67⅞	67⅞
Am Broadcast	106⅝	105⅝
Am Can	62¼	62⅝
Am Cyanamid	53½	53¾
Am Elec Power	21⅝	21⅝
Am Express	43⅜	43⅝
Am Home	61⅝	61½
Am Motors	3½	3⅜
Am Nat Res	64¼	64½
Am Standard	28	28⅜
Am Telephone	21½	21¼
Armco Steel	7½	7¾
Asarco	24⅞	24⅝
Ashland Oil	31⅛	30⅝
Atlantic Richfield	48⅞	48⅝
Avon Products	21⅜	21½
Bankers Tst NY	57½	56⅞
Bankamerica	20⅝	19⅞
Bank of Boston	47⅜	47½
Bank of NY	43¼	42⅝
Beatrice Foods	31	30⅝
Bethlehem Steel	17⅛	17¼
Boeing	61½	62
Boise Cascade	41⅛	41
Borden	69¼	68⅝
Borg Warner	22	21⅝
Bristol Myers	57¼	57⅜
BP	28⅝	27⅝
Burlington Ind	25⅝	25⅜
Burlington Nthn	51⅞	51⅜
Burroughs	60⅝	59⅜
Campbell Soup	68⅛	67⅝
Canadian Pacific	43⅝	43⅝
Caterpillar	32⅞	32⅜
Celanese	92⅛	90⅝
Central Soya	24	24
Champion	21⅛	21⅜
Chase Manhat	55	54½
Chem Bank NY	40⅝	40⅜
Chevron	38⅛	38⅝
Chrysler	37	37⅛
Citicorp	46⅛	45⅞
Clark Equip	25⅝	25⅛
Coca Cola	70	71⅛
Colgate	22⅞	23⅛
CBS	116⅛	116
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28
Combustion Eng	32⅜	32⅛
Comwlth Edison	30	30
Cons Edison	33⅛	33
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	29⅞	29⅝
Corning Glass	36⅛	36⅜
CPC Intl	41⅞	42
Crane	34⅛	34
Crocker Int	26	26
Crown Zeller	41¼	41½
Dart & Kraft	89⅞	92⅝
Deere	27⅞	27⅝
Delta Air	42⅛	41⅞
Detroit Edison	16⅝	16⅝
Digital Equip	102⅜	100
Disney	79⅝	79½
Dow Chemical	29¼	29
Dresser Ind	26⅞	26⅝
Duke Power	32⅝	32⅝
Du Pont	57⅝	56⅝
Eastern Air	7⅝	7⅝
Eastman Kodak	66	65
Exxon Corp	51⅞	51⅝
Emerson Elect	72	71⅝
Evans Prod	2¼	2⅛
Exxon Corp	52¼	52⅝
Fed Dept Stores	58½	57⅝
Firestone	19⅛	19⅝
Fst Chicago	24½	24½
Fst Intrst Bncp	48⅞	48⅝
Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7⅝
Ford	43¾	43⅝
GAF Corp	32	32
GTE Corp	40¼	40
Gen Corp	46⅞	46⅝
Gen Dynamics	69⅜	68
Gen Electric	61	59⅝
Gen Foods	64	63½
Gen Mills	56	56⅛
Gen Motors	71	71
Gen Pub Util NY	12⅛	12⅛
Genesco	5⅛	5⅜
Georgia Pacific	23⅛	23
Gillette	61⅞	60⅝
Goodrich	31⅝	31⅛
Goodyear	26⅝	26½
Gould Inc	21¼	21⅜
Grace	40⅝	40⅛
Gt Attic & Pacific	16½	16⅛
Greyhound	27⅞	28⅛
Grumman Corp	26½	26
Gulf & West	38	38⅛
Heinz H. J.	47⅞	47½
Hercules	33⅜	33⅝
Honeywell	57½	58⅛
IC Inds	32⅜	32⅝
Ingersoll	46¼	47⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	22⅝
IBM	129	127½
Int Harvester	8¾	8¾
INCO	13⅝	13⅞
Int Paper	50½	49⅞
Int Tel Tel	33⅞	33⅝
Irving Bank	37⅜	38
Jim Walter	33½	32⅝
Johnston & John	43½	41⅝
Kaiser Alumin	14⅜	14⅜
Kerr McGee	29¼	29⅝
Kimberly Clark	52½	51⅞
K Mart	34¼	34
Kroger	43	42⅝
L.T.V. Corp	10	10⅛
Litton	71¼	70⅝
Lockheed	47⅞	48
Lucky Stores	18⅞	18⅜
Manuf Hanover	39⅝	39⅛
Manville Cp	7⅛	7⅛
Mapco	32½	32⅝
Marine Midland	34	34⅛
Martin Marietta	52½	52⅝
McDonnell	77⅝	78⅛
Mead	38⅝	39
Merck	103	102⅝
Minnesota Mng	80	79⅝
Mobil Oil	29½	29½
Monsanto	44⅝	44½
Morgan J. P.	50	49⅝
Motorola	32	32
NCR Corp	27⅛	27⅞
NL Industries	11⅝	11⅝
Nabisco	59⅛	58⅞
Nat Distillers	30⅛	29⅝
Nat Med Ent	27	27
Norfolk South	86⅛	85
NW Bancorp	26⅝	26⅝
Occidental Pet	26⅞	25⅞
Ogden	31⅞	31⅝
Olin Corp	31	31
Owens-Illinois	45¼	45
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅞	18
Pan Am	5¼	5⅛
Penney J. C.	46⅞	46⅝
Pennzoil	50⅛	49⅝
Pepsico	53¼	51⅞
Pfizer	44⅞	44⅝
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	19⅝
Philip Morris	92¼	91½
Phillips Petrol	40¼	40⅝
Polaroid	29⅞	29⅝
PPG Ind	35⅜	35½
Proctor Gamble	82⅝	82⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	29	29⅛
Raytheon	45⅞	45⅞
RCA Corp	43½	43⅝
Reynolds Ind	82⅝	82⅝
Reynolds Metal	33½	34
Rockwell Int	35½	34½
Royal Dutch	57⅞	59
Safeways	31½	31⅝
Sara Lee	38	38⅝
SFE Sopac	27	26⅞
SCM	46⅝	46⅞
Schlumberger	40¼	40⅝
Scott Paper	57⅜	57⅝
Seagram	42⅞	42¾
Sears Roebuck	33¾	32⅝
Shell Oil	59½	59⅜
Shell Trans	36⅛	37⅛
Signal Co	36⅝	36⅝
Singer	36⅞	37⅛
Smithkline Beck	63⅝	62⅝
Sony	17½	16⅝
Sth Cal Edison	25½	25⅝
Sperry Corp	50	50
Std Oil Indiana	61⅝	61⅝
Std Oil Ohio	46⅞	47⅛
Sterling Drug	31½	30⅞
Stevens J. P.	17	16⅝
Sun Comp	50⅞	50⅝
Teledyne	244½	244½
Tenneco	43⅝	43⅞
Texaco	39	38⅝
Texas East Corp	33⅜	32½
Texas Inst	91½	91⅝
Texas Utilities	28⅝	29⅛
Textron	44⅝	44
TWA	32⅜	32½
Travelers Corp	41½	40⅞
TRW Inc	72⅞	73
UAL Inc	42⅝	42⅜
Union Carbide	38⅛	38⅛
Unocal	49⅛	48⅜
Un Pacific Corp	46⅝	45⅞
Uniroyal	19⅞	19⅝
United Brands	13⅝	13¾
US Steel	29⅞	29⅞
Utd Technol	39⅝	39⅝
Wachovia	38	38⅛
Warner Lambert	38⅜	38⅝
Wells Fargo	55⅞	55⅝
Westinghse Elec	30½	29⅝
Weyerhauser	29⅞	29⅞
Whirlpool	43⅞	43⅝
Woolworth	43⅝	42⅛
Xerox Corp	47⅛	46⅞
Zenith	21⅛	21½

CANADIAN PRICES

Alcan Alumin	33¾	33⅝
Algoma Steel	23	23⅞
Bell Telephone	39⅛	38⅞
Can Pacific	59⅞	59⅝
Cominco	14⅛	14⅞
Cons Bathurst	16⅛	16⅜
Gulf Oil	20	19⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	19⅝	19⅝
Hudson Bay Min	7⅝	7⅜
Imasco	27⅞	27⅞
Imperial Oil	54⅛	54⅛
Int Pipe	36⅛	36
Mass.-Ferguson	2.62	2.84
Royal Trustco	21	21
Seagram	58⅛	57⅛
Steel Co	20⅞	20⅝
Thomson N 'A'	54⅝	55⅛
Walker Hiram	30⅝	30⅛
WCT	15⅛	15⅛

● Ex div. a Asked. s Ex distribution. b Bid. n Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.18	88.26	87.99	88.06	2954
Sep 85	89.03	89.03	88.80	88.86	269
Dec 85	89.17	89.17	89.13	89.03	21
Mar 85	89.15	89.20	89.00	89.06	48
Jun 86	89.20	89.20	89.00	89.06	55
Previous day's total open interest 6821					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	91.05	91.09	90.99	91.08	5223
Sep 85	90.41	90.47	90.35	90.45	1472
Dec 85	89.87	89.95	89.84	89.95	328
Mar 85	89.42	89.47	89.42	89.53	78
Jun 86	NT			89.18	0
Previous day's total open interest 18507					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	71-16	71-16	71-08	71-14	1757
Sep 85	70-11	70-12	70-10	70-12	50
Previous day's total open interest 3088					
Long Gilt					
Jun 85	107-06	107-08	106-18	106-	4978
Sep 85	NT			110-10	0
Dec 85	NT			110-12	0
Mar 86	NT			110-01	0
Previous day's total open interest 3778					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 85	128.90	128.90	128.30	128.80	67
Sep 85	128.80	128.80	128.80	129.40	1
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1069					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.

G W Joyason and Co report

RUBBER

Jun	715–690
Jly	725–690
Aug	735–10
A/Sep	745–20
Oct	755–30
Nov	765–40
Dec	775–50
Jan	Unquoted
Jun/Sep	735–10
Oct/Dec	765–40
Jan/Mar	Unquoted

SUGAR

May	98.6–97.00
Aug	104.8–105.2
Oct	108.8–108.6
Dec	115.0–118.0
Mar	127.4–127.8
May	132.6–133.0
Aug	138.0–138.8
Vol	1983

COCOA

May	1865–4
Jly	1881–80
Sep	1854–3
Dec	1796–6
Mar	1796–5
May	1805–1795
Jly	1810–1785
Vol	3840

COFFEE

May	2115–10
Jly	2162–60
Sep	2196–86
Nov	2229–26
Jan	2240–35
Mar	2240–25
May	2220–2175
Vol	2386

GAS OIL

Apr	232.00–31.50
May	228.25–00
Jun	223.00–22.75
Jly	220.75–50
Aug	223.25–22.25
Sep	227.25–24.00
Oct	229.00–24.00
Nov	232.00–24.00
Dec	230.00–27.00
Vol	1062

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures

Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1228.00–1230.00
Three months	1196.00–1197.00
T/O	7075
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1198.00–1200.00
Three months	1194.00–1195.00
T/O	150
Tone	Steady but quiet

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9310–9315
Three months	9330–9332
T/O	250
Tone	Quiet

TIN HIGH-GRADE

Cash	9320–9325
Three months	9340–9341
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	309.00–311.00
Three months	308.00–310.00
T/O	2025
Tone	Barely steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	711.00–712.00
Three months	712.00–713.00
T/O	2920
Tone	Barely steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	735.00–738.00
Three months	730.00–735.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE

Cash	500.5–501.5
Three months	516.5–517.0
T/O	91
Tone	Steadier

SILVER SMALL

Cash	500.5–501.5
Three months	516.5–517.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	902.00–903.00
Three months	921.50–922.00
T/O	5675
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4570–4580
Three months	4520–4525
T/O	594
Tone	Barely steady

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

London Gold Futures were not traded yesterday.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 24:

GB: Cattle, 96.11p per kg lw (+1.52).

GB: Sheep, 247.67p per kg est d c w (+3.55).

GB: Pigs, 77.73p per kg lw (+0.55).

England and Wales: Cattle nos. down 8.0 per cent, ave. price, 96.25p (+1.52). Sheep nos. down 3.3 per cent, ave. price, 250.49p (+4.99). Pig nos. down 16.8 per cent, ave. price, 77.73p (+0.55).

Scotland: Cattle nos. down 16.8 per cent, ave. price, 95.42p (+1.40). Sheep nos. down 40.9 per cent, ave. price, 225.26p (–12.14).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	£119.20	£114.75
Jul	£122.85	–
Sep	£ 99.80	£ 98.90
Nov	£102.95	£102.45
Jan	£106.60	£105.90
Mar	£109.80	£109.25

APPOINTMENTS

Wedgwood: A new board of directors for Josiah Wedgwood and Sons: Sir Arthur Bryan, chairman, Mr James Moffat Managing; Mr Frederick de Costobadie, sales; Mr W. Eric Dann, Finance; Mr Cristopher J. Johnson, production; Mr B. John Shufflebotham, industrial relations; and Mr George Stonier, secretary.

Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings: Mr Thomas Carlile has been appointed deputy chairman.

National Economic Development Office: Mr Bryan Quilter is made industrial director and will succeed Mr Richard Homan in July.

Athena International: Mr S. M. K. Myles has been appointed group finance director.

Henderson Crosthwaite: Mr Peter Beswick, Miss Yvette Conn, Mr Brian Coultas and Mr Paul Neave join the partnership on April 29.

Gouldens: Mr C. H. C. Scott becomes senior partner Miss Jennet Davies and Mr S. N. Seaton have been appointed partners.

Britannia Building Society: Mr John Quipp is made chairman and Mr Edward W. Wallaker becomes deputy chairman.

Hill and Knowlton (UK): Mr John Hinton has been appointed a director.

BEAMA, the federation of British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers' Associations: Mr E. J. (Eddie) Sims, has been elected the 1985/86 president.

Babcock-Bristol: Mr John S. Singleton has been appointed managing director.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
192	162	Aberdeen	171		8.4b	5.5	
686	570	Alliance	686	+5	2.0b	2.1	
155	118	Amer Trust	133		4.1	3.6	
323	284	Ang Amer Sec	288	+2	8.1	3.6	
140	129	Ashdown	130		5.9	3.6	
193	88	Atlantic Assets	111	+1	3.2	3.6	
102	88	Bankers	92		3.5b	3.8	
187	157	Barry	167		7.4b	3.6	
178	152	Bentor & Stern	169	+2	4.7	2.8	
107	100	Br Amer Gen	103		4.7	4.5	
215	182	Br Assets	197		9.7b	4.9	
375	304	Br Empire Sec	356	+1	13.5	3.8	
75	64	Brunner	72		2.9	4.0	
680	572	Charter Agency	652		31b	3.7	
178	148	Crescent Japan	144	+1	1.1	0.8	
365	305	Delta	365				
103	97	Derby Inv	100		10.2	10.2	
100	95	Do Cap	98				
256	254	Drayton Cons	256	+1	12.7	4.4	
148	128	Drayton Far East	128	+1	1.5	1.2	
409	348	Drayton Japan	392	+4	3.6	1.0	
180	148	Drayton Premier	176		10.2	4.7	
189	162	Dundee Loo	176		7.7	5.0	
118	88	Edin Amer Asset	100		0.6	0.6	
117	100	Edinburgh	102½		4.1	3.8	
252	224	Electric Gen	224	+1	4.8b	1.7	
251	228	English Int	244		8.8b	4.9	
78	66	English Scot	66		1.8	2.7	
101	91	English NY	101		2.5	2.5	
97	85	F.E.C.Alliance	95		2.5	2.6	
168	148	F&C Pacific	148		5.4	3.6	
214	188	Family	214		8.9	4.6	
234	210	First Scot Amer	231		12.9b	5.1	
189	160	First Us Gen	180		8.7b	4.9	
500	440	Fleming American	480	+10	7.5	1.6	
280	235	Fleming Clover	255	+1	12.4	4.8	
208	203	Fleming Enterprise	205		11.1	4.4	
388	333	Fleming Far East	388		8.5	2.1	
109	100	Fleming Fledgling	108		3.6	3.3	
468	458	Fleming Japan	468		4.5	0.9	
118	108	Fleming Mercantile	113		4.3b	3.8	
134	128	Fleming Overseas	130	+1	3.1	2.4	
285	278	Fleming Tech	280		3.5	1.2	
74	63½	Fleming Universal	280	+2	8.5	3.4	
		For Col	64½		1.8	2.8	
121	92	GBC Capital	107				
165	146	GT Japan	165		2.0b	1.4	
618	550	General Funds	575	+2	13.6	2.4	
261	230	General Cons	244		13.1	5.4	
128	108	Glasgow Stock	112	+1	2.9	2.6	
231	202	Globe	208	–2	12.9	5.9	
222	202	Greenfriar	214		2.3	1.1	
275	250	Grehame House	255		6.1	2.4	
163	138	Hambros	151		5.4	3.5	
253	228	Hill (P)	237		12.2	5.1	
236	212	Ind to Success	236	+5	5.2b	2.2	
236	212	Inv Cap	212		5.2b	2.5	
61	51	Japan Assets	51		0.1	0.1	
328	272	Jardine	276	+6	6.6	2.4	
191	155	Law Debenture	170		7.8	4.6	
65	56	Lon Merchant Sec	62		2.8	3.4	
168	152	Lon Trust	157		3.9	4.1	
98	88	Merchants	93	+1	5.4b	5.5	
174	147	Monks	154	+1	3.4b	2.2	
118	108	Murray Income	115		6.4b	5.5	
98	85	Murray Growth	91		2.0	2.2	
134	112	Murray New	117		6.4b	5.5	
168	153	Murray Scott	169		3.3	1.9	
288	270	Murray Venture	285	+6	6.3b	2.2	
303	278	New Court	303	+2	20.4	6.6	
77	67	New Darien Or	76		0.5	0.6	
178	165	1928	165		6.7	4.0	
39½	37	Nothing Inc 83	39½		3.9	9.8	
198	180	New Tokyo Inv	193	+1	2.1	1.2	
324	274	Nth Atlantic Sec	275	+1	4.8	1.8	
128	104	Nth Sea Assets	105		0.7	0.7	
348	328	Nthn Amer	338		7.7	3.2	
138	118	Outwich	138		4.1	3.5	
348	328	Personal Assets	338		10.8	3.5	
345	305	Raeburn	311		13.5	4.4	
138	126	River & Merc	129		7.1	5.5	
225	196	River Plate	213		10.5	4.8	
192	166	Robeco	178				
173	156	Rollinco	156				
297	220	Rotary	240		6.6	2.7	
117½	10	Rowntree	117½				
113	86	St Andrews	100		3.7	3.7	
373	341	Scottish	356		7.4	2.1	
241	206	Scot Americas	206		5.0	2.4	
167	148	Scot Eastern	156		3.6	2.3	
356	306	Scot Mtge	338		10.7b	3.2	
238	212	Scot Nat	218		6.1	2.8	
231	198	Scot Ontario	226		4.7	2.1	
368	316	Scot Mtge 'A'	356		12.1	3.5	
598	500	Second Alliance	544		20.4b	3.7	
131	118	Sec Of Scotland	118		6.7b	5.6	
79	64	Smaller Cos	73		2.2	3.1	
188	168	Stewart Ellerp	186		6.6	3.5	
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79	75	Tr City Of Lon Did	85		4.4b	5.3	
155	138	Tr Ind & Gen	143		4.8b	3.3	
224	197	Tr Natural Res	207		10.7	4.8	
143	130	Tr Pacific Basin	133		2.2	1.7	
253	228	Tr Property	238	+4	5.7	2.4	
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248	208	Throg Secured Cap	248				
147	114	Tomkins	147		3.2	2.6	
120	106	Tribune	107		3.2	3.0	
74½	74	Trinidad Inv Inc	74½		13.4	17.9	
211	182	US Debenture	211	+2	9.3	4.5	
82	71	Viking Resource	72	+1	1.6	2.2	
98	91	Westpool	98	–2	2.6	2.5	
170	148	Wiltshire Engy	169		1.0	1.0	
158	138	Wires	148		3.6	2.5	
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
410	315	Alrayd & Brothers	395		23.6	7.5	12.5
37½	31½	American Express	234½	+½			
88	63	Anglo Scot	74				12.8
88	63	Bunzl	74				
115	88	Britannia Arrow	98		5.8	5.8	14.1
13½	9½	C.H. Indls	9½				
41	25	Do Warrants	25				
13½	9½	Daily Mail	13		5.0	4.2	13.9
13½	9½	Do 'A'	12½		5.0	4.2	13.7
127	112	Elkins	123		6.1	4.2	12.6
112	88	Exp Assoc	100		4.2b	4.2	13.9
743	538	Exco	658		12.9	2.0	17.5
88	68	Exploration	78		4.5	5.8	12.7
18½	11½	Fleet Resource	11½		0.1	0.8	
775	700	Framlington	700		12.9	1.8	18.0
84	58	Frost (J) & (D)	75	+1	4.0	5.3	11.1
105	84	Groce (D & M)	94	–1	1.8	1.9	15.4
685	575	Henderson Admin	675		13.7	2.0	14.2
3½	3	M & G	3½		17.9	5.6	19.9
445	383	Merlin (FF)	445		17.9	4.0	10.7
405	340	Mercantile House	384		17.5	5.5	6.7
405	340	Min & Allen	345		20.9	5.9	10.6
118	93	Smith Brothers	110		7.9	7.1	4.7

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1984/85 High	1984/85 Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
168.9	97.2	General	114.7	121.9	3.73
182.1	129.6	Do Accum	143.9	151.5	3.73
70.6	72.6	Candy & Energy	73.3	80.8	5.22
74.2	57.7	UK Growth	74.8	78.8	1.84
120.9	89.7	Do Accum	103.1	108.5	2.09
118.7	112.5	Gilt & Fixed Int	118.5	114.6	10.27
127.5	120.4	Japan	122.8	129.4	0.16
222.3	155.8	Do Accum	212.5	223.8	0.16
164.5	147.4	Worldwide	160.1	168.6	0.12
73.8	67.4	American	73.2	77.1	0.26
381.5	321.9	Equities Fund	354.9	374.6	3.10

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John Laing keeps secret of success

John Laing was remarkably coy yesterday about its overseas operations. A surprising approach, given that it was the most significant aspect of the 1984 preliminary figures which saw pretax profits increase from £23.8 million to £30.3 million. A large part of this increase was attributed to the £4.1 million turnround overseas from a loss of £2.6 million in 1983 to a £1.5 million profit last year.

Exactly how that was achieved remains a closely-guarded secret. There was an element of currency translation, perhaps as much as £1 million, but the company would not, or could not, quantify the precise effect. There was an improvement in debt collection, but there were no clues as to how much. Finally, there was an element of loss elimination through improved trading, but Laing was not letting on exactly where, although Spain and Venezuela must be the most likely locations.

It was all rather frustrating. The sensitivity of specific information relating to individual contracts must be respected but Laing was being perhaps a little over protective.

The turnround overseas does not, however, mean that all the group's problems are over. There are still difficulties in the Middle East and the level of provisions Laing has been forced to make against its contracts has not fallen.

At home, marginal improvements were registered in all three divisions, but performances were far from impressive. The construction industry remains highly competitive.

The most promising division is housebuilding. The number of units sold increased from 1300 to 1500 in the year and there is every sign that this will improve again in 1985.

The trading profit was almost static but it was depressed by the costs of entering the retirement homes market and setting up a housebuilding operation in California. The total costs of these operations were £1 million in the year, although there will be very little contribution of profits before 1986.

Laing continues to amass a quite substantial cash mountain. Net funds were up by £10 million to £84 million in the year and helped the interest received up by nearly £2 million to £6.3 million. There are signs, however, that the company wants to do anything other than hang on to the cash, although there must be a case for applying it elsewhere.

The shares closed down 8p at 212p. There is no reason why they should provide any excitement in the short term.

After several years of divestment, yesterday's acquisition is a clear indication that the group is now sufficiently confident to expand its core activities when the right opportunity becomes available. Vickers is prepared to put money behind its core businesses to improve product range and widen geographical spread of markets.

The takeover offers an ideal match. Comforto's strength in office seating complements the steel and wood office equipment which has dominated Vickers' existing operations. More importantly, the link up brings an immediate foothold in other international markets.

The most important is the US where Vickers sales of office equipment are nil. Comforto already has a strong presence there and the existing marketing infrastructure will allow Vickers to sell its existing products into America for the first time. Before the acquisition 93.7 per cent of office furniture sales were in Britain and France.

With Comforto in train this will reduce to 64.5 per cent. Exposure to the German market will also be substantially increased.

The price that Vickers has paid for the business is hardly excessive with an exit price-earnings ratio of under seven. More importantly, it fits in with the stated strategy of developing the core businesses and is just a taste perhaps of things to come.

Campari Int

At a glance, Campari International's 1984 results look grim. The loss before tax widened to £2.8 million from £156,000 and the loss per share plummeted to 33.5p following £2.7 million of exceptional debits and £771,000 of extraordinaries.

However, the company, which imports leisurewear and camping equipment, is on course for a modest profit this year, after clearing the deck of stocks which have been allowed to build up to unprofitably high levels.

A massive sale in the second half reduced stocks to £9.8 million by the year-end against £16.1 million previously. Stock was turned over 3.3 times against 1.9 and should improve further this year.

The cost of the cut-price clearance was the one-off £2.7 million. The extraordinary debit stemmed from the closure and transfer of excess warehouse capacity.

The balance sheet will take a while before it assumes a more healthy appearance. Borrowings were cut by £2.7 million to £13.6 million and should fall substantially more this year.

News on trade is encouraging. Forward orders are more than double those achieved a year ago, with consumer spending on leisurewear remaining buoyant.

The shares eased 2p to 29p. They are unlikely to recover – they hit a high of 47p in 1984 – until profits actually materialize, which will be in the second half of this year rather than the first half. Campari is still a long way from the record £1.75 million profits made in 1978.

The dividend was unchanged at 1p total, giving a yield of 4.9 per cent.

Vickers

The assembled multitudes at Millbank Tower for Vickers annual meeting today will be heartened by the news that the company is making a serious effort to put itself back on a growth track.

Yesterday's announcement of the £12.8 million purchase of the Comforto Group, an international office furniture business, may not have the hallmarks of an earth shattering deal but it is a significant move in the context of Vickers' development.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

International shares find renewed strength

By Derek Pain and Jeremy Warner

Sterling's sudden plunge against the strengthening dollar gave a boost to international shares yesterday – but left the rest of the stock market far from happy.

The pound's slide has probably ended any chance of an early cut in interest rates. Indeed, some market men are already bracing themselves for a possible jump if the pound fails to regain some of its recent confidence.

Expect the pace to quicken at H. Young, the former garage group now being built into a distribution and financial services group. The company recently took over a wine business and is on the verge of clinching another acquisition. Profits in the eight months to end January were £313,036 and more than £500,000 seems in prospect for the present 14-month period. At 105p the shares are worth watching.

Imperial Chemical Industries' first quarter figures – due today – also tended to instil caution. Some analysts have been tempted to pull back their profit forecasts and the general expectation has drifted from the £300 million mark.

At the close, the FT 30-share index was 2.9 points higher at 962.5 points. The more broadly-based FT–SE share index was just 0.8 points higher at 1,285.7 points. Trading was quiet and the modest progress was almost entirely due to the strengthening of international shares.

ICI recovered an early fall to close unchanged at 769p despite the profit uncertainty. **Glaxo Group** was 38p higher at 1,220p and **Beecham Group** rose 7p to 360p. **Blue Circle Industries**, weighed down recently by rights issue fears, edged ahead 4p to 480p.

Vickers gained 7p to 259p on the German acquisition.

British Aerospace, after falling below 400p, gained 5p to 408p on the latest step in the government share sale and the rights issue.

Gilts had a subdued session, suffering falls of up to £⅞ on the back of the weak pound.

Rowntree Mackintosh, which attracts regular bouts of takeover speculation, was back in the spotlight again yesterday rising 13p to 428p on vague talk of an overseas bid.

As on previous occasions, the rumours concentrated on Hershey of the United States and Suchard of Switzerland. Imperial Group, after it has sold off its troubled Howard Johnson offshoot, is also thought of as an outside contender.

Cadbury Schweppes was also firm in foods, rising 6p to 156p on a buy recommendation from Fielding Newson Smith. Sterling weakness also helped.

Prince of Wales Hotels held at 107p after a Norwegian buying spree which netted 26 per cent of the capital.

Tor Andenaes, an office property development company quoted on the Oslo Stock Exchange, and what is believed to be a related Swiss company, Sunbelt Holdings, bid institutional shareholders for stock on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, W. Greenwell, the broker, placed which played a crucial role in defeating Wolves' bid for Davenports Brewery two years ago, has sold its 4.9 per cent shareholding in the company.

The stake has gone to the British Rail Pension Fund, one

East Midland Allied Press rose a further 14p to 160p on persistent talk of a bid from Fleet or International Thomson. Any bidder would need to attract the support of at least a part of the large Winfrey family shareholding in the company. Mr Frank Rogers, the chairman, said he had received no evidence of any big new shareholding. "In my opinion, the results of the company fully justify the current share price anyway", he said.

50 per cent of the capital at 85p a share. PoW's principal shareholders are Kuwait Investment Office with a stake approaching 20 per cent and Quality Inns, the American group which has 29.9 per cent and manages the group's hotels.

Neither Greenwell, PoW nor Quality Inns have had contact with Andenaes which is valued on the Norwegian market at about £20 million.

Regional breweries were ruffled by the referral of the **Scottish and Newcastle Breweries** bid for **Matthew Brown** to the Monopolies Commission. **Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries** fell 6p to 314p. The Whitbread Investment Co

of the institutions which has sold Brown shares to Scottish. At one time, the BR fund held 6 per cent of Brown.

Brown shares closed 20p down at 366p and Scottish 2p lower at 133p.

BAT Industries firmed 11p to 341p after strong buying – around 4.6 million shares – in New York on Tuesday.

Selincourt, the clothing group, shaded to 28p. Word in the market late yesterday was that Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, who runs the Rymans stationery chain, was preparing to make a partial offer at around 33p a share. Mr d'Abo could not be contacted yesterday.

The clothing company has been undergoing a reshaping at the hands of Sir David Nicholson and his team.

In stores **Debenhams** went against the trend, rising 9p to 262p on talk of a bid today from **Habitat Mothercare**, itself 6p lower at 356p. The story was categorically denied however, by Mr Roger Seelig, of Morgan Grenfell, Habitat's merchant bank adviser.

Habitat was in bid talks with Debenhams about eight weeks ago but the talks were terminated after the two sides failed to reach agreement. Mr Seelig said that Debenhams was not worth its present share price.

There were scattered falls elsewhere among stores. **Marks and Spencer** closed 4p lower at 104p, **Burton** was 6p easier at 488p and **Hepworth** ordinary fell 4p on the day to 199p. **Great Universal Stores A** were 8p easier at 809p on consideration of the group's sale of its Global holiday business. **Dee Corporation** rose 6p to 225p after announcing in a circular to shareholders that it intends to recommend a final dividend for this year of 5p, boosting the total by 55 per cent to 7.25p.

Booker McConnell shares, the subject recently of an unsuccessful bid by Dee, rose 5p to 253p, shrugging aside a statement by Dee in the same circular that it intends to sell its 15.8 per cent stake in Booker "in a manner which will be of most benefit to Dee shareholders".

Muirhead rose 40p to 180p on the bid from RHP but Ocean Transport and Trading continued to suffer from P & O's recent statement that it did not intend to bid and fell 5p to 176p.

Group Lotus eased 2p to 96p as Mr David Wickins, chairman, sold 100,000 shares and **Godfrey Davis** eased 1p to 119p after Prudential Assurance Group's decision to go above 5 per cent.

Banks tended easier. **Barclays**

Barham Group, the advertising to property group, has switched brokers – from Rowe & Pitman to Capel-Cure Myers. The company, built up rapidly by accountants Mr Norman Fetterman and Mr Tony Ward, from the old Dollonds Photographic, is due to announce its results tomorrow. About £480,000 looks likely. The shares eased 5p to 510.

Bank fell 8p to 349p as the rump of its rights issue was placed. Insurances were mixed.

Oils remined uncertain following doubts over crude oil prices. Ahead of today's results, **Falcon Resources** fell 13p to 464p.

Newcomer **Asda Properties**, offered at 172p, touched 180p.

John Laing fell 8p to 210p after profits which were in line with expectations, while M J Gleeson closed 10p lower at 222p, also on dissappointment with figures.

Traded option highlights

The London Traded Option Market had a fairly busy session with almost 8,500 bargains.

Commercial Union, once again, led the field. It attracted 1,978 calls and 330 puts. ICI had a total of 723 bargains marked against it and Barclays Bank achieved 700.

Monopolies referral for breweries bid

By Our City Staff

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' £100 million bid for Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer, was yesterday referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

It is the second time in a year that S & N's expansionist ambitions have been blocked by a reference. On the last occasion, S & N abandoned its £44.5 million bid fo J. W. Cameron, the Hartlepool brewer, when the reference was made.

This time, however, S & N intends to follow through the reference and says it is confident the findings of the commission will allow the takeover to go ahead. S & N has built up a 15 per cent shareholding in Matthew Brown during the bid.

Matthew Brown was backed by a huge local campaign of support in its effort to have the bid referred. More than 7,000 people signed a petition, while the Office of Fair Trading received representations from 400 interested parties, including Daniel Thwaites, a rival Blackburn brewer, and the Campaign for Real Ale.

The chairman, Mr Patrick Townsend, said he was confident the company's case for independence would be upheld. "Everyone at Matthew Brown is delighted with the news, which will allow us to get back to the real job of running a successful business".

"The support from all sectors including MPs, councillors, suppliers and customers for Matthew Brown, coupled with the demonstrable feelings of our workforce, have been tremendously encouraging", he said.

In the stock market, where the reference had been widely expected, Matthew Brown shares fell a further 20p to 366p on confirmation of the decision.

Ireland eases oil controls

The Irish Government is to ease financial controls on companies prepared to explore for oil off its coasts in the wake of a poor response to its latest offshore licensing round.

It has offered new exploration blocks off its southern coast with the condition that 50 per cent of any commercial production should go to the government.

While such conditions have been acceptable in the North Sea, where reserves are high and production profitable from even small oilfields, the likelihood is that any discoveries in Irish waters will be small and will involve highly complex reservoirs.

The Irish Government has said that new terms will be offered soon in the hope of persuading the oil companies that future investment could be viable.

To date only one large oil discovery has been made – off the Cork coast.



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Extracts from the Board's Announcement

- Disappointing results due to losses in Australia and by UK soft commodity operation – re-assessment of these areas in process.
- Other companies performed satisfactorily including King Trailers which returned pre-tax profit in excess of £300,000.
- Consider the underlying strengths of the Group's activities will enable a return to profitability in 1985.

Financial Summary	£'000	
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Turnover	50,618	49,674
(Loss)/Profit before Taxation	(883)	(84)
(Loss) Attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	(72)	(1,294)
Shareholders' Funds	14,887	14,558
Dividend Payable		0.50p
Net Tangible Assets Per Share	49.1p	39.3p

Note: The comparatives for 1983 have been restated to account for a prior year adjustment.

A copy of the Annual Report can, from May 27th, be obtained from the Secretary, Boustead plc, 14/15 Conduit Street, London, W1R 9TG.

Pragmatism and private money hold the key to new World Bank role

Under weak leadership, the World Bank has lost influence and support. Bailey Morris reports on a new plan to put more of its effort behind private investment to aid structural adjustment in developing countries.

The World Bank of the 1980s is an institution in search of a role.

In sharp contrast to the buoyant 1970s, the Bank's star has fallen recently. During its struggle to adapt to a new period of scarce resources, it was nearly eclipsed by its sister agency, the International Monetary Fund, which became the focus of the global debt crisis.

Now, after three experimental years, the Bank is emerging with a clear view of where it wants to go. The largesse of the 1970s will be replaced by a new, more pragmatic set of policies.

These will put the Bank more heavily into structural adjustment lending (formerly the special province of the IMF); greatly increase its catalytic role in aiding private sector investment in poor countries; channel more resources to drought-plagued sub-Sahara Africa; and, thrust it more deeply into the business of telling governments how to run their economies. This is the new role the Bank outlined for the first time in a paper distributed at last week's joint meeting with the IMF.

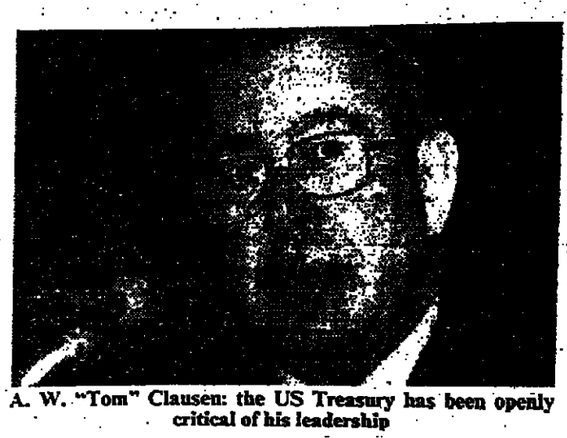
The big question mark, however, is whether the Bank has the leadership to carve out a new, enhanced role for itself in the 1980s.

Under the tenure of Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, the current President, the Bank's control of member countries has suffered. The US Treasury, which rarely dared to challenge Mr Robert McNamara, his outspoken predecessor, has been openly critical. Rumours were floated that Mr Clausen would be let go when his current term expires on June 30, 1986.

At present, for the first time in the Bank's history, IMF staff members sit in on discussions in the Bank's board room when large loan proposals are considered. This has occurred during a period in which member nations, particularly the big industrialized nations, are pressing for closer coordination between the two multilateral agencies.

But many observers see this IMF foray into World Bank territory as the beginning of a process.

"The United States is trying



A. W. "Tom" Clausen: the US Treasury has been openly critical of his leadership

to create a structure under which only those countries which make deals with the IMF will be able to qualify for the medium to longer term structural adjustment loans offered by the World Bank," one official said.

But the World Bank is resisting, in an attempt to retain its independence which allows it to continue making loans to countries such as Turkey which are not able to make peace with the IMF.

This is all the more important given the new stress on structural adjustment lending within the Bank. The Bank did not start making these loans, which support broad-based, long-term structural change in borrowing countries, until 1980. Prior to that, only the IMF made such loans on a short-term basis, to help countries through temporary balance of payments crises.

Until recently, the US was strongly opposed to this new activity which it regarded as an attempt by the Bank to increase its own power by dispensing large amounts of money which would require an increase in its resources. A decision was taken by the big donor nations to limit such loans to a maximum of 10 per cent of the Bank's overall portfolio.

But recently, the Reagan Administration shifted gears dramatically when it became clear that the problems of debtor nations remained serious, in part because of a big shortfall in the flow of commercial bank flows which is expected to worsen. It now appears to support a proposal that the Bank's structural adjustment loans and related sector adjustment loans be allowed to increase to more than 25 per cent of the Bank's total portfolio of more than $15.5 billion (£12.2 billion). Under this scenario, the IMF and the Bank will work as a team making short-term and longer-term loans, in the process, restructuring the economics of a growing number of debtor nations.

One area in which the Bank, the US, Britain and other large donor nations are in firm agreement is the increased role envisaged for the private sector in developing countries.

To this end, the International Finance Corporation, the Bank's private investment arm headed by Britain's Sir William Ryrie, has been given a large increase in resources and its programmes are being expanded greatly.

At the same time, the Bank is proposing creation of a new, related agency, to be known as the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) to provide, for the first time on a multilateral basis, poltical risk insurance.

The idea of a MIGA has been floated for more than 20 years but only recently has it gained broad based support.

However, new opposition surfaced last week at the Bank's joint meeting with the IMF when the group of 24 nations, which includes many developing countries, failed to endorse the proposal in its formal communique.

Developing countries, reflecting a deep-seated fear of private sector involvement arising from prior periods of "big power" mercantilism, fear they would have to give up too much under this multilateral insurance scheme. The issue is expected to be a prominent one at the annual meeting of the Bank and the Fund in October in Seoul, Korea.

By that time, the issue of who will lead the Bank through the rest of the 1980s is expected to resurface.

More than most institutions, the World Bank is regarded as a "Presidential institution." Its fortunes rise or fall on the strength of the incumbent leader.

Whether it will be able to enact under Mr Clausen the role it has now put down on paper is a question which will attract much discussion. Prior to last year's annual meeting, at which Mr Clausen firmly squashed speculation he would resign before completing his first term, rumours were rife that Mr Paul Volcker, the independent chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, would succeed him.

There now appears to be two camps within the US Administration which traditionally names the World Bank president. In one camp are those who favour the renomination of Mr Clausen, as a known quantity who listens closely to what the Treasury says. In the other camp are those supporting Mr Volcker for a variety of reasons, including some who want him out of the US Central Bank much as former President Lyndon Johnson apparently wanted Mr McNamara out of the US Defence Department.

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- **Life premium income up from £267m to £296m.**
- **£150 million surplus to life policyholders – record payouts on maturing policies.**
- **Property premium income up from £115m to £125m.**
- **Motor premium income up from £66m to £68m.**
- **£11 million profit on non-life business despite adverse conditions.**
- **Low expense ratios further reduced.**

Investments

"At the end of 1984, the total market value of the Society's investments was £3,650 million. Of the increase of £500 million over the figure for the end of 1983, just over £160 million represented new investments over the year, the balance of around £340 million resulting from the rise in market values of investments.

Life Assurance

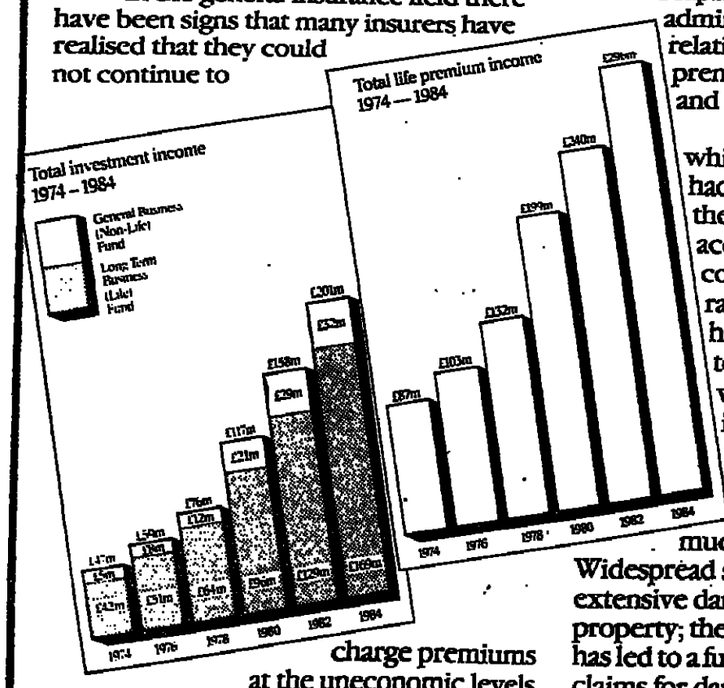
"I am pleased this year to announce improvements in the form of our reversionary bonuses for assurances and further substantial improvements in our terminal bonuses. These improvements follow a complete revision during the last 12 months of our ranges of Ordinary and Industrial section assurance policies, including new and highly competitive premium rates. Together these changes in premium rates and bonuses will enable us to offer a very attractive range of life assurance products appropriate to modern conditions.

Motor and Household Insurance

"In the general insurance field there have been signs that many insurers have realised that they could not continue to charge premiums at the uneconomic levels to which they had fallen. As a consequence of the rate increases imposed by other companies, our own premium rates have become progressively more competitive, and our policyholders are increasingly reaping the benefit of our efficient administration which ensures that a relatively small proportion of the premiums is absorbed in expenses and commission.

"After two consecutive years in which the motor premium income had decreased, it is gratifying to see the start of a recovery in this account. Despite the generally competitive level of our premium rates during 1984, the recovery has been very gradual, but towards the end of the year there were encouraging signs of an increase in the number of vehicles insured.

"The claims experience on household insurance was much worse in 1984 than in 1983. Widespread storms in January 1984 caused extensive damage to homes and other property; the exceptionally warm summer has led to a further increase in the number of claims for damage caused by subsidence; and there has once again been an increase in the number of theft claims."

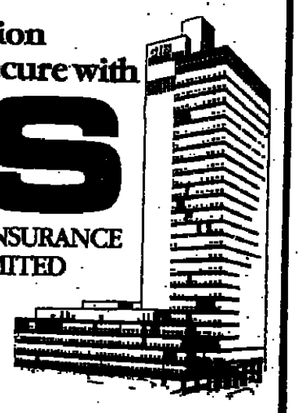


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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 171st Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held within the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 7th day of May 1985 at 2.30 pm for the following purposes.

To consider the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 31st December 1984 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.

To elect Directors.

To appoint Auditors.

To fix the remuneration of Directors.

To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:

"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

"That the regulations of the Society be altered by the deletion of regulation 91 (Indemnity of officers, etc., of Society) thereof and the substitution therefor of a new regulation 91 as follows:

91.– (1) Every director, local director, chief executive, actuary, trustee, secretary or other officer or employee for the time being of the Society, and his executors, personal representatives and administrators, shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the funds of the Society against all actions, costs, charges, losses, liabilities, damages and expenses which he or his executors or personal representatives or administrators shall incur or sustain by reason or in consequence of anything done, concurred in, suffered or omitted by him in or about the execution or discharge of his duties (or supposed duties), or the exercise of his powers, in his office, trust or employment or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers, office, trust or employment (including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any liability incurred by him as such director, local director, chief executive, actuary, trustee, secretary or other officer or employee in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, in which judgment or decree is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application or proceedings in which he is relieved by the court, either wholly or partly, from his liability), except such actions, costs, charges, losses, liabilities, damages and expenses (if any) as he or his executors or personal representatives or administrators shall incur or sustain by or through his own wilful neglect or wilful default.

(2) No director, local director, chief executive, actuary, trustee, secretary of other officer or employee for the time being of the Society, or his executors or personal representatives or administrators, shall be liable or answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other director, local director, chief executive, actuary, trustee, secretary or other officer or employee of the Society or of any auditor or law agent, or by reason of his having joined in any receipt for money not received by him personally; nor shall he be liable or answerable for any banker, broker, collector or other person with whom or into whose hands any property or moneys of the Society shall or may be lodged or deposited or come, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of the title to, or the depreciation in the value of, any security or investment or other property which may from time to time be acquired for or on behalf of the Society or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any investment or security in or upon which any of the funds of or belonging to the Society shall be placed or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage whatsoever which may happen in the execution of his office, trust or employment or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen by or through his own wilful neglect or wilful default."

To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

Forms of Proxy for the use of Members of the Society who are unable to be present at the Meeting, but who may wish to vote thereat, may be obtained on application to the undersigned. To be effective Proxies must reach the Society's Head Office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

C. M. CAVAYE
Managing Director
15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
2 April 1985

NOTE: A copy of the Report will be sent on request to any Member who would like to have one.

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De Beers

Julian Ogilvie Thompson's Statement for 1984

At the end of 1984 Mr. H. F. Oppenheimer retired after 27 years as Chairman of De Beers, but will stay on the Board, and was succeeded by Julian Ogilvie Thompson. Nicholas Oppenheimer was appointed Deputy Chairman.



At the end of 1984, a few days after the 50th anniversary of his appointment as a director, Mr Harry Oppenheimer retired as Chairman of De Beers; he had held that office for 27 years. His father, Sir Ernest, whom he succeeded, had been a director for 31 years, all but three as Chairman. That constitutes a remarkable record of service from father and son to any company.

Essentially, the structure that Sir Ernest established half a century ago, to bring under unified control the producing and selling functions for rough diamonds, has remained unaltered to this day. Harry Oppenheimer adapted it as necessary to the demands of a changing world, and in doing so he further strengthened the Company's pivotal position as leader of the diamond business. The years of his chairmanship saw a prodigious growth in the activities of the Company, particularly in the size and diversity of the non-diamond assets which have played such an important part in enabling De Beers to provide the finance for bringing the industry through what Mr Oppenheimer has described as its worst depression in 50 years.

I know shareholders will want to join me in expressing our appreciation of Mr Oppenheimer's immense contribution to our affairs, and our pleasure that he has agreed to remain on the board.

Record diamond jewellery sales

Although retail sales of diamond jewellery set a new record in 1984, difficulties in the market for rough diamonds persisted. Measured in US Dollars, the currency in which rough diamonds are priced, sales by the CSO were only one per cent higher than in 1983, at US $1,613 million.

The year started encouragingly, with sales in the first half seven per cent up on the corresponding period of the previous year; sales in the second half fell back sharply, however, as trading conditions in the cutting centres became more difficult. For this there were three main reasons. First, the continued and substantial appreciation of the US Dollar against other currencies effectively increased diamond prices in the rest of the world. Secondly, in the light of the losses sustained in financing the diamond trade, the banks continued to rationalise their lending activities, thus accentuating the financial pressure on some manufacturers and dealers. Thirdly, at a critical juncture imports of polished diamonds into Antwerp temporarily increased, which because of the timing and price levels involved had disruptive effects in all the cutting centres.

CSO continued stabilisation

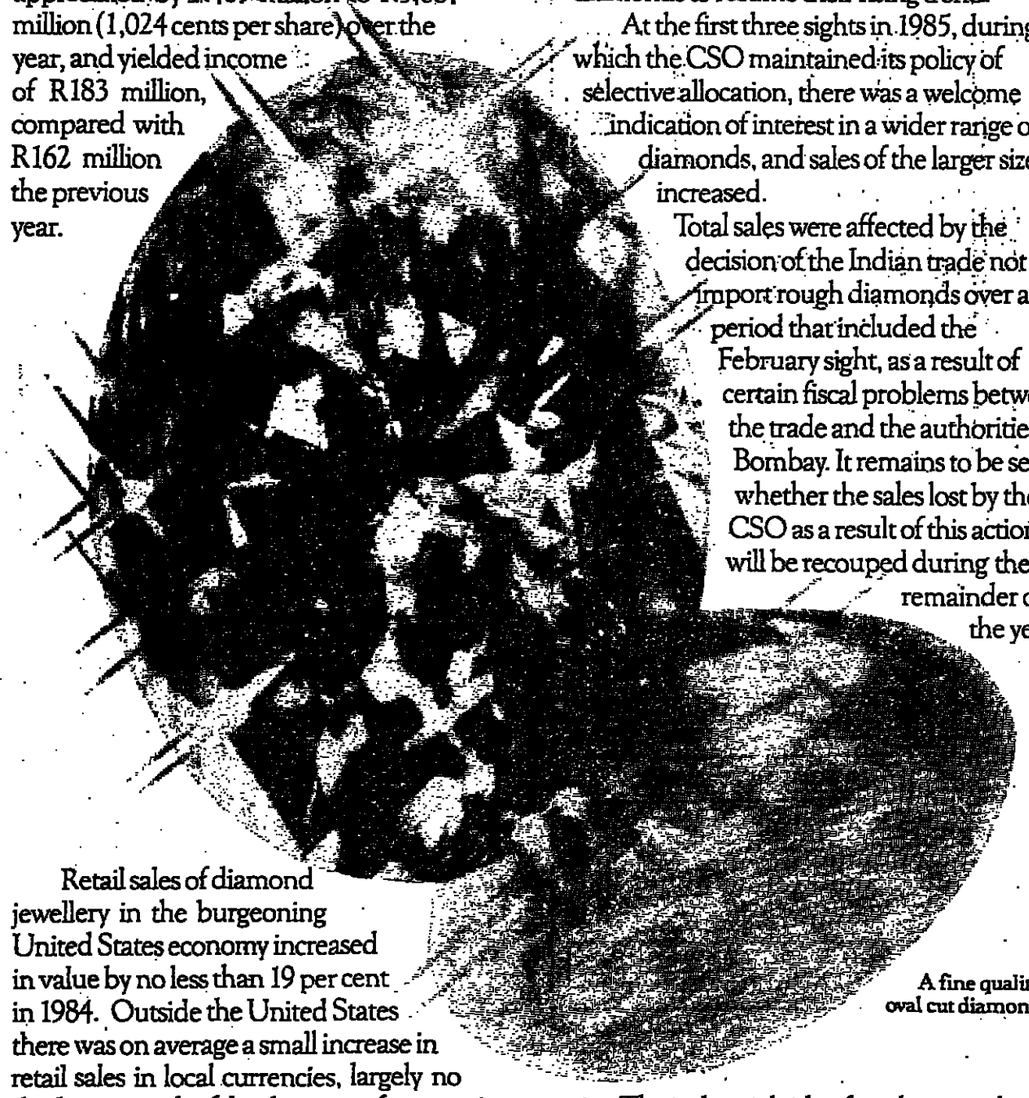
Accordingly the CSO continued its stabilisation policy by withholding from the market the larger sizes and better qualities of diamonds. Nevertheless, there was only a relatively small real increase of R191 million in Group stocks over the year.

In all the circumstances, I believe that De Beers' results last year were as satisfactory as could be expected. Net attributable profits, excluding our share of retained profits and extraordinary profits of associated companies, rose by eight per cent to R332.5 million, or 92.4 cents a share. Including our share of retained profits of associated companies, earnings increased by 28 per cent to R677.7 million or 188.4 cents a share. Our share of associated companies' extraordinary profits was R56.2 million, compared with R5.7 million in 1983. The dividend was maintained at 40 cents a share, absorbing R143.9 million.

Net current assets improved by R185 million to R282 million and the increase in long- and medium-term liabilities was R465 million, leaving a net apparent increase in funding of R280 million. However, this figure was less than the increase of R349 million which would have resulted from the application of the change in the Rand/Dollar exchange rate to such liabilities and assets brought forward from the previous year. Borrowings remain well within the total facilities available to our Group.

Demand for rough diamonds is broadening–retail diamond jewellery sales set a new record

Investments outside the diamond industry appreciated by R409 million to R3,687 million (1,024 cents per share) over the year, and yielded income of R183 million, compared with R162 million the previous year.



A fine quality oval cut diamond

Retail sales of diamond jewellery in the burgeoning United States economy increased in value by no less than 19 per cent in 1984. Outside the United States there was on average a small increase in retail sales in local currencies, largely no doubt as a result of the slow rate of economic growth in the other developed countries and the effective increase in diamond prices to which I have referred. Overall more consumers acquired diamond jewellery than ever before and the increase in retail sales world-wide came to approximately six per cent in Dollars. It follows that sales of diamonds in jewellery once again substantially exceeded the corresponding value of rough diamonds sold to the cutting centres—as a consequence of the CSO's policy of withholding qualities not in demand—and brought about a further significant decline in the quantity of diamonds in the pipeline between the CSO and the ultimate consumer.

The large rise in our stocks in recent years, from US $936 million in 1980 to US $1,950 million in 1984 (converted at the rate of exchange at the end of each year) is of course the obverse of the reduction in the pipeline stock that our policies have brought about. We estimate that during those five years—in each of which, except for a small dip in 1982, retail diamond jewellery sales set a new world record—stocks in the cutting centres have fallen by nearly US $5 billion i.e. by five times as much as the rise in our own stocks. The low level of cutting centre stocks now prevailing is evidenced by the much more reasonable levels of bank finance outstanding. Stocks in the hands of jewellery manufacturers and retailers have likewise fallen significantly. Hence if the world economy continues to grow—and one hopes it may soon do so at a more balanced rate overall—the stage is well set for sales of rough diamonds to resume their rising trend.

At the first three sights in 1985, during which the CSO maintained its policy of selective allocation, there was a welcome indication of interest in a wider range of diamonds, and sales of the larger sizes increased.

Total sales were affected by the decision of the Indian trade not to import rough diamonds over a period that included the February sight, as a result of certain fiscal problems between the trade and the authorities in Bombay. It remains to be seen whether the sales lost by the CSO as a result of this action will be recouped during the remainder of the year.

The industrial side of our business had another good year. There was a pleasing improvement in sales of natural grit, but sales of drilling stones continued to be affected by the depression in minerals exploration. Sales of synthetic grit and polycrystalline diamond products, which had passed the US $100 million mark the previous year, rose by as much as 15 per cent, and there was further growth in the profitability of the Group's three diamond synthesis factories in South Africa, Ireland and Sweden, facilitated by new techniques developed at the Diamond Research Laboratory. We estimate that the market for synthetic and natural grit and drilling stones in the non-Communist world now absorbs about 150 million carats a year. The improvement in demand for industrial diamonds, other than drilling stones as yet, is particularly encouraging in view of the fact that the Argyle mine in Australia, which will be a big producer of industrial and drilling qualities, is due to come into full production at the end of this year. Plans for the marketing of the Argyle production are being developed and we have intensified our research into new uses of natural diamond grit.

Production from the De Beers mines and Debswana, which is owned in equal partnership with the Government of Botswana, rose by 1,987,000 carats to 23,337,000 carats in 1984. Debswana's production increased by 2,182,000 carats to 12,914,000 carats, owing principally to the contribution of the remarkable Jwaneng mine.

Group expenditure on prospecting and research was appreciably higher at R88 million, largely because of the depreciation of the Rand. Several kimberlite pipes were discovered but none was of economic significance. Work continues on the Venetia pipes in the northern Transvaal, in the hope that in time the relationship between prices and costs will improve sufficiently to make this a profitable mine.

Unified wage structure

It is now nearly six years since the Group achieved a unified wage structure on its mines in South Africa and SWA/Namibia, and our extensive training and development programmes for employees at all levels has enabled us to make further progress in implementing our policy of merit-based manning. We welcome the recruitment of unskilled and semi-skilled employees in our Namaqualand division by the National Union of Mineworkers whose negotiations with mine management for a recognition agreement are well advanced. This will broaden employee participation in the negotiation of wages and conditions of service, which is in line with our policy of favouring responsible union representation on our mines.

The Urban Foundation

We have maintained our contributions to the Chairman's Fund, which devotes a large part of its activities to improving the quality and extent of technical education; and to the Urban Foundation, which has facilitated a number of notable achievements in the socio-economic development of South Africa during the past year. We believe that through these institutions, and others, the Group continues to play its part in the creation of a fairer and more just society in South Africa.

At the last annual general meeting Mr Oppenheimer referred with deep regret to the death in April 1984 of Dr Louis Murray, in a flying accident. Dr Murray had been a director since 1975. For nearly 20 years he had been responsible for our world-wide exploration activities, and it was under his leadership that the major discoveries in Botswana were made. We miss him deeply as a valued colleague and a close friend. In November, Mr Alex Barbour, a director of the Diamond Trading Company, was appointed to our board.

The full Chairman's Statement is contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1984 which was posted to registered Shareholders on 24th April 1985.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ● Site rejuvenation ● Tokyo lure

How Clayform moulds liabilities into profits

By Judith Huntley

ayform Properties, which is ming to the Unlisted Securi- s Market with capitalization £16.1 million, is asking vestors to buy its manage- ent and entrepreneurial skills d its profits.

It has no assets to speak of, ing a trading company, a licy it intends to maintain, at ast in the short term. The mpany forecasts profits of .5 million this year.

Clayform has made a name r itself in turning redundant partment stores, including rmer Woolworth branches, to profitable and smaller tail developments, many of hich are pre-funded.

Almost 85 per cent of the mpany's schemes are pre- nded with institutional inves- rs and certainly those of any e fall into this category. The company is prepared to take less of a profit in return for the reduced exposure and risk of a pre-funding arrangement.

One of its most successful deals involves the sale of the former Schofields department store in the centre of Leeds to Britel Investment Management for £14.5 million, a deal which shows Clayform a yield slightly over 5 per cent.

Clayform intends building 160,000 sq ft of shopping on the 1.6-acre site in an enclosed scheme which will have a value of £45 million once complete.

Clayform bought Schofields for £16.1 million last December and with the retailer came department stores at Leeds, Harrogate and Skipton in Yorkshire.

Meanwhile, the Leeds store brings in useful money to Clayform with £1.1 million pretax profit achieved last year and the Leeds store is washing its face until redevelopment takes place.

The former Woolworth store at Guildford, Surrey, is being redeveloped by Clayform and Tarmac to provide the 105,000 sq ft White Lion Walk shopping centre, nicely sandwiched between the town's two prime retail pitches and next to Marks and Spencer. Once again the scheme has been pre-funded by Britel.

The company's policy of going all out to buy prime sites for both its retail and high technology developments, means that it is having to compete in an extremely active and aggressive marketplace.

But it says its "good connections" enable it to find sites which do not come to the market and it does not get involved in tendering for sites. But ever-increasing competition could put a squeeze on profits.

One of its good connections has come in the form of Russell Management, the group owned by Mr Kenneth Cooper and Mr Brian Dowling, which specialized in high technology schemes and project management.

Clayform merged with Russell last month through a share exchange which resulted in the issue of 14.8 per cent of Clayform's then enlarged share capital. The merger formalized the close working relationship between the two companies

One of the largest schemes to be undertaken over the next 18 months is the 80,000 sq ft high technology development at Heston.

The former British Airways Training Centre is to be redeveloped and negotiations are under way with a fund to refinance the project. Another venture with Tarmac, also to start shortly, is the 50,000 sq ft of offices next to Guildford railway station

These two projects and the Leeds development will have an estimated value of £65 million.

Clayform started life primarily to develop and trade retail property. Mr Bryan Burletson, the managing director, and Mr Michael O'Halloran, a former *Financial Times* journalist, established the company with Mr David Hyman, the chairman, in 1981.

Clayform has ambitions to go for a full stock market listing in the longer term but would not be drawn on whether it will attempt further company acquisitions. It is a route which can be attractive if the assets which come with the company can be turned into lucrative developments. But Clayform says it will "continue the cautious way".

This means that any large schemes will be pre-funded wherever possible with borrowing used to finance the smaller projects where the company can afford to bear the cost. The reason for the offer for sale is to allow the company to expand the scale, not the direction, of its activities.

Houston's office market is still suffering from the surfeit of space developed during the boom years of the US energy industry based in Texas. But two large deals are in the offing which will take most of top-quality offices off the market.

Houston Natural Gas is moving from its present building to 600,000 sq ft in the 1.1 million sq ft Allen Centre, developed by Century Development. The company will be paying $19 (£15) a sq ft, a decline on the $25 a sq ft seen three years ago.

Texaco, the oil company, is about to sign up for another 600,000 sq ft of space in the Cullen Centre, also in the centre of town.

Mr Kenneth Schnitzer, the chairman of Century Development and the Century Corporation, is also chairman of Houston's Economic Development Council, a fledgling organization set up eight months ago to promote the city. The Council was in London last week and Mr Schnitzer was keen to dispel Houston's "see-through buildings" image.

He had to admit, however, that hefty incentives, in the shape of three years rent-free, are still on offer outside the prime office area, where one year's free rent is usual.

Century Development itself is moving in fresh directions as part of the diversification process it began in 1974. It is negotiating to buy a savings and loan institution and considering a mortgage company purchase.

Mr Schnitzer argues that the time is right for such deals, that Houston offers the chance to buy property at low prices and has enormous potential for growth.



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Race ready to start for White City

● Stock Conversion is about to hear representations from all the leading food retailers for a superstore at its White City Stadium site in west London, next week. Stock Conversion bought the stadium from the Greyhound Racing Association for £1.7 million and has had plans to turn it into a large retail development.

The competition from the food multiples such as J Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda for plum sites in and around London is fierce and the fight for White City will be keen.

● The cost of occupying offices in New York is 25 per cent higher than in the City of London, according to the latest survey of international rents by Weatherall Green & Smith, the estate agents. The survey shows that top rents in the City, at £32.50 a sq ft, have risen by 8 per cent in the last year with similar rises in the centre of New York and Paris. But overall costs in New York, taking into account, rents, rates and service charges, come out at £67.70 a sq ft, a quarter higher than the City equivalent, which is £59.05 a sq ft.

● The Japanese property market retains its aura of inscrutability for British property companies but that may soon change. An unnamed quoted British property company is talking to one of Tokyo's leading foreign developers and brokers, K K Halifax, about the possibility of involvement in Japanese real estate. So far only PosTel Investment Management, when it was Possfund, has been brave enough to arrange a property swap between London and Tokyo.

Mr Guy Cubitt, the managing director of K K Halifax Associates, was in London this week to talk to British investors and developers about the potential in the Japanese property market. K K Halifax is 50 per cent owned by Jardine, Matheson & Co. The rest is held by Pacific Architects and Engineers which bought property in Japan after the end of the Second World War. Its portfolio is worth about £15 million.

Law Report April 25 1985

Accepting salary no affirmation of job contract breach

Bliss v South East Thames Regional Health Authority

Before Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, Lord Justice Dillon and Mrs Justice Heilbron

[Judgment delivered April 24]

A health authority who, in good faith but without reasonable cause, required a consultant orthopaedic surgeon employed by them to submit to a psychiatric examination and suspended him for refusing to submit to the examination, were in repudiatory breach of their implied obligations under the contract of employment not to act in a manner likely to damage or destroy the relationship of confidence and trust between employer and employee.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Anthony Rex Bliss, against so much of the judgment of Mr Justice Farquharson on December 9, 1983 (*The Times*, December 13, 1983), on the plaintiff's action against the South East Thames Regional Health Authority for damages for wrongful dismissal, in which he held that although the health authority were in repudiatory breach of the plaintiff's contract of employment in May 1980, the plaintiff had affirmed his contract after the end of July 1981 and was only entitled to £9,700 damages to the date of the affirmation.

The court ordered that damages for wrongful dismissal should be assessed if not agreed.

The authority's cross-appeal in respect of the judge's award of £2,000 general damages for frustration and mental distress was allowed.

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC, and Mr Michael Brompton for the plaintiff; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC and Mr Charles Gibson for the health authority.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that in the summer of 1979, the plaintiff, who had been a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Medway Hospital, Gillingham, since 1970, took unpaid leave to accept a six-month appointment in Darwin, Australia.

During his absence a dispute arose between him and a colleague, Mr Robert Hay, and letters were exchanged between them. Following that exchange, Mr Hay requested that consideration be given to the plaintiff's suspension on his return.

In April 1980, a committee of the authority met in accordance with NHS Circular HM 60(45) and decided that, because of the severe breakdown in the relationship between Mr Hay and the plaintiff, patients might be adversely affected and, accordingly, after the plaintiff's return to England, he was required to undergo a medical examination by a consultant nominated by the authority. The request was repeated by the chairman of the authority in May 1980.

The plaintiff refused to comply with the requirement and he was suspended.

Disciplinary charges subsequently brought against the plaintiff were dismissed and on July 16, 1980, the authority wrote to the plaintiff withdrawing the requirement to undergo a medical examination and lifting his suspension.

Until September 25, 1981, when the plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the authority asserting that their actions amounted to a repudiation of the plaintiff's contract of employment which he then accepted, the plaintiff never made or communicated any decision to return to work unconditionally and not without prejudice, although he continued to receive his salary until the end of September and was given study leave between July and September 1981. In the event, the plaintiff never returned to work at the hospital after his suspension.

The trial judge held that the plaintiff's acceptance of his salary after the end of July 1981 amounted to an affirmation of the contract of employment and precluded him from accepting the authority's repudiation and treating the contract as at an end.

It was an implied term of the plaintiff's contract of employment that the authority were entitled, once the procedures in Circular HM 60(45) were complied with, to require him to undergo a medical examination if they had reasonable ground for believing that he might be suffering from physical or mental disability which might cause harm to, or adversely affect the quality of the treatment of, patients.

There was no other power generally or under the plaintiff's contract which empowered the authority to require him to undergo such an examination.

It was common ground that the authority acted in good faith and thought they had reasonable grounds for requiring the psychiatric examination and that the question for the court was whether, objectively regarded, they in fact had reasonable grounds.

The authority had no right to require the plaintiff to submit to an examination to confirm that there was no mental or pathological illness, but merely a severe degree of breakdown of personal relationships.

The requirement and subsequent suspension were therefore a breach of contract. That breach was a repudiatory breach because, in the circumstances, it was calculated, or likely, to destroy the relationship of confidence and trust which should exist between employer and employee and that was a fundamental implied term of the particular contract of employment.

The breach was a continuing breach until the suspension was lifted and the requirement dropped.

In deciding not to return to work after July 1981, the plaintiff was electing to treat the contract as being at an end.

He needed time to decide whether or not to return to work and was not to be criticized for continuing to accept his salary.

Having regard to the decision of the House of Lords in *Addis v Gramophone Co Ltd* ([1909] AC 488), the trial judge was wrong in awarding, as part of the award of £9,700 damages, £2,000 general damages for the plaintiff's frustration and mental distress, and the authority's cross-appeal to that extent succeeded.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mrs Justice Heilbron agreed.

Solicitors: Argles & Court, Maidstone; Bird & Bird.

Parents cannot appeal on behalf of child in care

A-R v Avon County Council

Parents of a child who had been committed to the care of the local authority under section 1 (2) (a) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, on the ground that the child had been ill-treated, had no right of appeal to the crown court against the order; once a guardian *ad litem* had been appointed to represent the child then it was only through the guardian *ad litem* that the child could exercise the right to appeal.

The Divisional Court of the Family Division (Mr Justice Reeve and Mr Justice Waterhouse) so held on April 24 when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the parents from the decision of Bristol Crown Court (Judge Sir Ian Lewis) that there was no jurisdiction to entertain the parents' appeal.

MR JUSTICE REEVE said that the child, who had been born on April 15, 1984, had been committed to the care of the local authority on August 2, 1984 by a juvenile court who had found that the child had been ill-treated by the parents. Because it appeared that there would be a conflict between the interests of the parents and those of the child a guardian *ad litem* had been appointed under section 32 A (1).

It had been submitted that the parents had the right of appeal as in *B v Gloucestershire County Council* ((1980) 78 LGR 468). In that case the parents were the only persons who were in a position to represent the child in exercising his right to appeal. However once a guardian *ad litem* had been properly appointed it was only through the guardian *ad litem* that the child could exercise his right to appeal.

Correction

In *Larner v Warrington (The Times* April 23), a "not" was omitted from the second sentence of the seventh paragraph of Mr Justice Nicholls's judgment which should have read: "Moreover, a well advised taxpayer could thereunder get an advantage not available to one less well advised".

Highlights from the Statement by Edwin W. Phillips MBE, Chairman of Friends' Provident Life Office.

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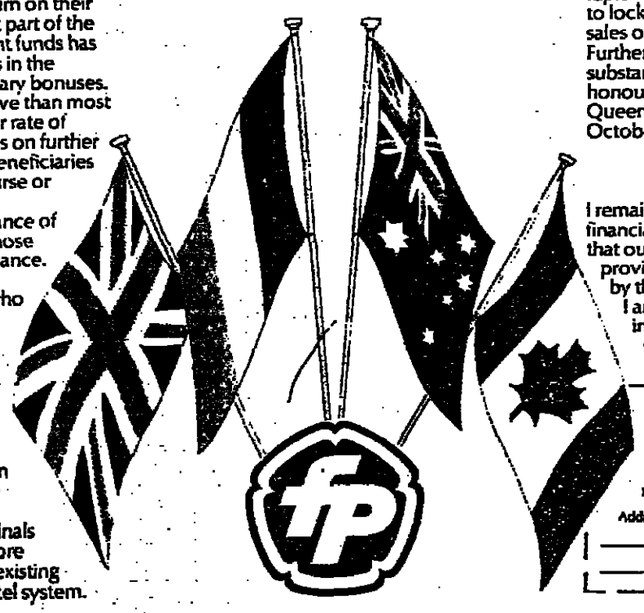
Nothing we have seen so far has led us to believe the Government's proposals will do anything but harm to the structure and security of private pension schemes. The problems faced by early leavers will be improved once the current Social Security Bill becomes law. I believe the Government should be content that they have resolved the major issue.

Financial Services

We welcome the White Paper proposals for the rationalisation of marketing rules for Financial Services. There is one aspect of the White Paper though which causes us unease. Professor Gower doubted the practicability of meaningful disclosure of commissions. We must hope that the Government will drop the idea from their supervisory proposals, or at least accept the Gower recommendation that any disclosure requirement should include the activity of tied agents.

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The most notable feature of our year's trading in Ireland was the launch of our new range of unitised investment funds and linked life policies. The response to the launch was tremendous, with over IR£25 million being subscribed within the first few months.



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Conclusion

I remain convinced that the demand for specialist financial services will continue to increase and that our prime objective should still be to provide high value insurance products backed by the best possible service.
I am most grateful to our staff for their efforts in 1984 towards achieving this aim and to our intermediary friends for their support.

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FOOTBALL: LAWRENSON HELPS HOLDERS THROUGH TO FIFTH EUROPEAN CUP FINAL IN EIGHT YEARS

Liverpool coast through to meet Juventus in the final

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Athens

Panathinaikos.....0
Liverpool.....1

(Liverpool win 5-0 on aggregate)

Liverpool coasted through to their fifth European Cup final in eight years here last night beating Panathinaikos 1-0, to add to their four goals from the first leg at Anfield. In the final, they will meet Juventus who lost 2-0 to Bordeaux but won 3-2 on aggregate.

Panathinaikos needed everything to go right at the start. Instead it all went wrong. Their first shot, by Saravakos who received the ball unmistakably in an offside position, was struck so feebly that it ended up with the supporters. Their first corner, was rolled by Dimopoulos into the photographers sitting a few yards away.

Their first break, again by the fleet-footed Saravakos, ended up heading in the opposite direction. Their first offside decision was greeted with a unanimous roar of disbelief.

There were other initial difficulties. Hansen appeared to handle an awkward bouncing ball inside the area and Whelan, one of three individuals in the Liverpool line-up who was a booking away from missing the final through suspension, was severely and justifiably warned by the East German referee for ignoring his whistle.

With Rush resting on the periphery, Walsh was left alone up front as a readily available target. His main link with play was Dalglish, roving in front of a crowded midfield that was tightened still further by the presence of the long-legged Lawrenson.

Liverpool deliberately ushered the Greeks into the overpopulated area and Grobbelaar was troubled before the interval only by a thunderous drive from Rocha. He not only leapt to his left to save it – remarkably, he caught it. But after the change of ends he showed the more erratic side of his character.

Beglin, forced to bring down the lively Saravakos, and Hansen covered his errors before Liverpool, carrying by far the more threatening of the two attacks, took the lead on the hour. The move might have been halted in its infancy if Nicol, released on the right by Dalglish, had taken any more notice of a whistler in the crowd.

After hesitating in confusion, he found the assistance of Neal. Lawrenson took over and, exchanging neatly with Whelan on the edge of the area, he burst through with only Laftsis to beat. His emphatic close-range shot was only his second goal of the season.

PANATHINAIKOS: T. Laftsis; K. Tarasis, N. Karoulias, J. Kyrastas, V. Zajec, K. Mavridis, D. Saravakos, K. Antoniou, G. Charalambidis, J. Rocha, A. Dimopoulos.

LIVERPOOL: B. Grobbelaar; P. Neal, J. Beglin, M. Lawrenson, S. Nicol, A. Hansen, K. Dalglish, R. Whelan, P. Walsh, G. Gillespie, J. Wark.

Referee: A. Prokop (East Germany).



Maradona: leaving Napoli early to take part in Argentina's World Cup preparation



Lawrenson: scored only his second goal of season

Maradona plans an early departure from club to country

Naples (Reuter) – Diego Maradona plans to miss his Italian club Napoli's last two games of the season so that he can join his national side.

Maradona said on Tuesday he would fly back to Argentina on May 5, immediately after Napoli play a home game against Juventus in the first division.

Napoli, eighth in the league face Udinese, who are in eleventh place, on May 12 and Fiorentina, ninth, on May 19, the last day of the league season. Maradona said the Napoli president, Corrado Ferlaino, had told him he would be allowed to play for Argentina, despite an Italian Football Federation reminder to clubs that they should not release players early.

"I am sorry for the Neapolitan fans but I am sure they will understand and won't bear a grudge against me," said Maradona, who joined the club from Barcelona for $7.4 million (about £6 million) in 1984.

Argentina have matches against Paraguay, Brazil and Chile before their first World Cup qualifying game on June 2. Napoli officials confirmed that Maradona had been promised an early release but said the club would be bound by any ruling to the contrary by the Italian federation.

● Brussels (AFP) – Beveren, the outgoing League champions, reached the Belgian Cup final despite losing 3-2 at FC Liège in Tuesday night's semi-final second leg.

Beveren had won the first leg 2-0, thus going through 4-3 on aggregate. In the final they will meet the winners of Saturday's other semi-final second leg between Seraing and Cercle Bruges.

FC Liège led twice but Beveren came back on each occasion before Guy François scored his second goal of the night to give the home side a late consolation victory.

● Paris (Reuter) – Tours, last but one in the French first division, missed a fine chance of gaining a vital win on Tuesday night when they squandered a two-goal lead with only 10 minutes to go in their match against Sochaux.

Goals from Colin and Paille for Sochaux left Tours still struggling to avoid relegation with only four matches left.

With Bordeaux out of league action because of their European Cup match, attention focussed on the match between Nantes and Monaco, the teams lying second and third in the league.

A 1-1 draw leaves Bordeaux four points clear with a game in hand, Auxerre, lying fourth, were surprisingly beaten 1-0 by Lens, who are now seventh. Bordeaux will be hoping to strengthen their lead when they play Racing Club of Paris, who are bottom of the table.

● Lausanne (Reuter) – Grasshoppers of Zurich, the reigning Swiss champions, were beaten 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out by Lausanne in a postponed Swiss Cup quarter-final on Tuesday night, after the match finished goalless.

Grasshoppers' hopes of playing in Europe next season for the sixteenth consecutive time are now reduced to a possible place in the UEFA Cup.

SNOOKER

Crumbs for Reardon as table is cleared

By Sydney Friskin

As far as the Embassy world championship is concerned Steve Davis, the title holder, could not look upon Ray Reardon as an old acquaintance because they had never met in this event before. When they began their scheduled 31-frame semi-final at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday Davis raced into a 3-0 lead. Reardon, however, won the fourth frame after a dour struggle which lasted 57 minutes. He also took the fifth frame comfortably. But, at the end of the session, Davis led 5-2.

A break of 64 by Davis in the first frame looked ominous and when it was terminated Reardon did not stir from his chair. In the next frame the champion compiled 82 and if he had not failed with a straight-driven red the break would have been bigger. This time Reardon decided to gather the few crumbs left on the table but nine points were all he could make. Davis then cleared the table.

The third frame more or less followed the pattern of the first two but in the fourth Reardon decided that his bumpy journey had gone far enough. Tightening his safety belt, he began to restrain Davis, eventually building a lead of 32-2. After 44 minutes Reardon led 38-35 and laid on a snooker. Davis was made to play twice by the referee, who did not consider his first attempt to reach his objective genuine enough. He missed the target also at the second attempt and gave away altogether eight points.

Reardon was then the master of the situation and he gained more profit when Davis lost five points in an unavailing attempt at a snooker on the blue, the cue ball having disappeared into a side pocket. Reardon won the frame after potting the pink and went into the first interval looking a much happier man.

John Parrott, who lost on Tuesday night 13-12 to Reardon in a thrilling finish to their quarter-final match, accepted defeat gracefully at the hands of Reardon, who had won seven consecutive frames to go 12-9 ahead.

Parrott came back into the match to level at 12-12 but in the deciding frame Reardon helped himself to a slice of luck in the form of a free ball – the black – which put him in a favourable position to clinch the match.

SEMI-FINAL: S Davis leads R Reardon 5-2 (72-6, 115-9, 80-27, 39-62, 9-87, 72-16, 80-0).
TUESDAY'S QUARTER-FINALS: R Reardon bt J Parrott 13-12 (49-59, 1-88, 32-56, 26-70, 85-0, 28-86, 51-28, 63-31, 16-78, 7-113, 69-52, 66-2, 13-125, 10-105, 69-1, 69-42, 87-14, 55-29, 94-0, 61-42, 68-18, 59-84, 32-69, 34-78, 66-42); A Knowles bt J White 13-10 (41-74, 71-47, 79-45, 82-12, 41-69, 70-42, 157-0, 9-114, 10-62, 68-23, 37-70, 71-45, 55-65, 66-41, 14-82, 80-0, 85-33, 103-6, 50-61, 63-50, 40-79, 50-57, 68-18).
ORDER OF PLAY: Semi-finals (best of 31 frames): 10.30: S Davis v R Reardon, second session; 3.0: T Knowles v Dennis Taylor, second session; 7.30: Davis v Reardon, third session.

Dutch side undergo modest changes

Amsterdam (Reuter) – The Dutch manager, Leo Beenhakker, yesterday named an initial 17-man squad for the Netherlands qualifying match against Austria in Rotterdam on May 1.

Beenhakker made small changes in the line-up which beat Cyprus 7-1 in their European group five match in Amsterdam in February. He dropped defender Peter Boeve and forwards Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit.

The new names are defender Frank Rijkaard, who played on the national side last year against Hungary, and midfielder Michel van de Korput, whose last match for the Netherlands was against Spain in 1983.

Beenhakker still has to decide between defenders Edo Ophof, who has a knee injury, and Sonny Silooy. If Ophof is pronounced fit after a practice match on Saturday, he will get the place.

SQUAD: H van Breukelen, J Hiele, E Ophof, S Silooy, F Rijkaard, E Brandts, B Wijnstekers, A van Tiggelen, D Schoenmaker, M van de Korput, W van de Kerkhof, M Valke, E Koeman, S Tahamata, R van der Gijp, W Kieft, P Houtman.

● ZURICH: The Swiss manager, Paul Wolfisberg, has taken precautions by naming a 22-man squad for the European group six qualifying clash against the Soviet Union in Moscow on May 2 (Reuter reports).

Wolfisberg has left his options wide open as the injured Grasshoppers forward Claudio Sulsar has still to confirm full fitness and the experienced defender Charly In-Albon was injured in a weekend league game.

SQUAD: E Engel, U Zurbuchen, S Lehmann, R Wehrli, C In-Albon, H Luedi, A E gli, P Perret, U Barberis, J-P Brigger, M Decastel, Geiger, M Braschler, G Bregy, D Cina, H Hermann, M Schaellbaum, B Sutter, C Sutter, M Koller, C Matthey, R Kundert.

● MILAN: Zbigniew Boniek, the Polish forward of Juventus, and Patricio Hernandez, the Argentine midfielder of Ascoli, were suspended for one match by the disciplinary commission of the Italian League and will miss Sunday's championship games (AP reports).

Both players were punished by the soccer tribunal for rough play last Sunday.

The commission also warned Ubaldo Righetti, of Roma, for a foul on Zico, the Brazilian star of Udinese. Zico suffered a severe knee and thigh contusion following Righetti's tackle and limped from the field after 11 minutes of play last Sunday.

Bailey's contract

John Bailey, the Everton full back, has signed a new one-year contract. Bailey has decided to stay at Goodison Park despite being transfer-listed at £60,000 before the March transfer deadline. Bailey has made only 13 senior appearances this season after losing his place to Pat Van Der Hauwe.

Mortimer on attack after hearing

Dennis Mortimer, the former Aston Villa captain, won a partial victory in a unique disciplinary case yesterday, then attacked "a certain element coming into the game" which he believes is making football a dangerous sport to play.

Mortimer, who led Villa to League and European Cup success, had lodged the first private complaint by one professional player against another – in this case Rodger Wylde, the Barnsley forward.

Mortimer, on loan the Sheffield United, was involved in an off-the-ball incident at Bramall Lane on February 23 and was carried off with a lip wound which needed six stitches.

The FA charged Wylde under the rule dealing with "insulting or improper behaviour or acting in a manner likely to bring the game into disrepute".

A three-man commission in London, headed by Les Mackay, the disciplinary chairman, heard evidence from both players and a witness for Wylde but decided there was not enough evidence to justify any disciplinary action against Wylde – although it said that Mortimer had a reasonable complaint.

An FA statement said: "The commission accepts that a serious facial injury was sustained by Dennis Mortimer. However, members are of the opinion there is not sufficient evidence to determine positively how the injury arose and no disciplinary action will be taken.

"Members accept that the complaint lodged by Dennis Mortimer was not unreasonable. His fee of £25 will be returned and he will not be called upon to pay any costs."

Wylde had nothing to say at the end of the case, but Mortimer said: "As far as I am concerned he came up to me and struck me deliberately in the face.

"But I always felt the case would end like this because the witnesses would contradict each other. I shall not take it to a civil court. I wanted to keep this within the realms of our profession. But I felt I was justified in taking this case to the FA on a matter of principle and to clear up one or two aspects of our game which I feel should be highlighted.

"This season I've watched a lot of first division football when I have not been playing, and there is a certain element coming into the game. Players are more determined to win and are more ruthless.

"We are all there earning a living and we want to do that for as long as we can. It is a game I have played for 16 years and one I love. But I feel it is becoming a dangerous sport to play because of the way teams are being geared up".

In another hearing, David Speedie, the Chelsea forward, received his fourth suspension of the season when he was banned for two matches and given a £300 fine for totalling 41 disciplinary points.

Wolves face trouble over old bill

Wolverhampton Wanderers, bottom of the second division, are facing a new winding-up order, this time over an unpaid £10,800 bill for police at Molineux.

The West Midlands County Council police committee have told their lawyers to lodge the petition in court. Wolves owe the money for crowd control duties between November last year and January.

Despite lengthy talks between the council and the club, no agreement has been reached on payment.

If the winding-up order is granted by a judge it will mean Wolves' affairs being placed in the hands of the official receiver for a second time. Three years ago they were saved from liquidation by a last-minute rescue bid.

The club owe a total of £22,992 for police work up to the end of March, and a cheque for £7,500 to the council dated for payment in June was returned to Wolves.

Allied Properties, the club's owners, escaped being wound-up in the High Court last Monday when they paid a debt to a top London firm of estate agents.

Eric Woodward, Wolves' chief executive, refused to comment on the latest financial crisis.

● Warren Donald, the West Ham United midfield player, is staying with Northampton Town when his month's loan ends on Saturday. West Ham have agreed he can stay until the end of the season. Adrian Mann, another midfield player, who has won a place in the Northampton side this season, has accepted a contract for next season.

● Newcastle United have home advantage in the first leg of the FA Youth Cup final. They play Watford at St James' Park next Tuesday (7.0), with the return at Watford on May 10 (7.30).

● Bristol City fans who were not allowed off their train to watch a match at Plymouth recently are to get their money back. British Rail have agreed to refund £4,000 and

Yesterday's Results

European Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-final round, second leg

DYNAMO MOSC (1) 1 RAPID VIENNA (1) 1
Pozdnyakov Panenka
55,000

Rapid win 4-2 on aggregate

Everton 3, Bayern Munich 1 (Everton win 3-1 on aggregate).
EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Bordeaux 2, Juventus 0; Panathinaikos 0, Liverpool 1.
FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa 1, Watford 1; Luton 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Manchester United 0, Southampton 0; Stoke City 2, Norwich City 3; West Bromwich Albion 1, Sunderland 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Oxford United 1, Shrewsbury 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln City 0, Doncaster Rovers 2; Reading 1, Plymouth Argyle 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Hereford 3, Crewe 2; Mansfield 0, Scunthorpe 1.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Motherwell 4, St Johnstone 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 5, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Millwall 2, Tottenham 5; Ipswich 4, Luton 2.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 18, Tredegar 21; Bedford 18, Nuneaton 9; Birkenhead Park 28, New Brighton 6; Maesteg 24, Lydney 18; Otley 7, Rugby 34; South Wales Police 3, Pontypool 42.

RUGBY LEAGUE
SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle 17, Salford 28; Runcorn 25, Rochdale 6.

DIVING

China able hosts for World Cup

Peking (Reuter) – China and the Soviet Union are expected to dominate the World Cup diving competition which opens in Shanghai today, but East Germany and the United States could provide stiff competition.

China are entering eight divers, all veterans of the 1984 Olympic Games, while the Soviet squad, who did not compete at the Games in Los Angeles, includes two European champions.

The event is organized by the International Amateur Swimming Federation, with team competition taking place today and tomorrow, and individual events set for the weekend.

"We're at a disadvantage because of the time change we're going through and not much time for practice," Ron O'Brien, chief coach of the 12-member US squad, said.

The team arrived in Shanghai, China's largest city, on Tuesday. They were late because the US national championships lasted until Sunday.

"I think the Chinese girls are going to be the favourites. They did well in Los Angeles, though not as well as possible," O'Brien said.

Sixteen teams are expected for the competition, first held in 1979. The organizers say 14 teams have arrived, with Argentina and Cuba awaited.

The United States are not sending Olympic stars Greg Louganis, Bruce Kimball and Wendy Weyland, and their hopes rest chiefly with Michelle Mitchell, the silver medal winner for platform diving at the Olympics behind Zhou Jihong of China.

"I'm using two new, harder dives and they went well at our nationals. I hope they will be all right here," Mitchell, aged 22, told the Chinese news agency in Shanghai.

Zhou will be the undoubted star of China's women's squad, while the Chinese men are led by Tan Liangde, who won the springboard silver medal at the Olympics.

The eight-member Soviet team include two-time European women's diving champion Ama Lobankina and Vladimir Aleinik, a winner of the men's European platform diving three times and a bronze medal winner at the 1980 Olympics.

Thomas Knuths, Brita Baldus and Ramona Patow lead a tough East German side, while a talented Australian squad includes Olympic contenders Steve Foley, Julie Kent and Jenny Donnet.

Rapid hold out for final place

M Dynamo 1 R Vienna 1

Moscow (AP) – Rapid Vienna drew 1-1 with Moscow Dynamo yesterday, to go through to the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Dynamo, who lost 3-1 to Rapid in Vienna on April 10, had to win by at least 2-0 to stay in the running. But Rapid opened the scoring in the fourth minute with a goal by Panenka, and although Dynamo's Posdnyakov equalized in the 28th minute, it was not enough.

Dynamo's attack dominated the second half, but couldn't penetrate the Rapid defence. Rapid launched a half-dozen attacks on the Dynamo goal in the final 30 minutes, but without any result.

Rapid will meet the winners of the other semi-final between Everton and Bayern Munich in the final on May 19.

● Brussels (AFP) – Frakie Vercauteren and Erwin Vandenbergh, the Belgian international players, have signed new contracts with their club side, Anderlecht.

Sunderland is again the man for a crisis

Alan Sunderland scored his fourth goal in six games to help Ipswich beat Leicester 2-0 in their bid to avoid relegation. Sunderland, a free-transfer signing from Arsenal, whose goals saved Ipswich from the second division last season, gave his club a great boost by opening the scoring after five minutes. D'Avray added the second in the 38 minute and these two efforts produced the all-important victory that took Ipswich three places higher in the League.

Sheffield Wednesday continued their run towards Europe by defeating Queen's Park Rangers 3-1, their first goal coming from a former Rangers player, Stainrod, in the 44th minute.

Blackburn's promotion hopes in the second division took a blow with a 1-0 home defeat by the relegation-worried Crystal Palace. Palace made only one worthwhile attack and from this, in the 48th minute, Irvine gave them three precious points.

Cardiff climbed off the bottom of the table by beating Barnsley 3-0 with two of their goals coming from Welsh international, Vaughan, but they are still favourites to drop into the third division.

The third division leaders, Bradford, made sure of second division football after an absence of 48 years by defeating Cambridge 4-0. Hawley and Campbell each scored twice after a goalless first half.

The promotion-chasing Hull City won 4-1 at Preston but Bristol City had the defender Curle sent off in the 2-2 draw at Wigan.

Bangor City, of the Northern Premier League, will represent Wales in the European Cup Winners' Cup next season. A goal up after the first leg of the Welsh Cup semi-final, the non-league side held the third division Newport to a goalless draw and meet Shrewsbury in the final. Shrewsbury, as an England club, are not eligible to enter Europe via this competition.

Unseated

Liverpool have decided not to allocate seats to Chelsea supporters for the match at Anfield on May 4 in an attempt to avoid trouble. The match will kick off at 11.30.

Gillingham match postponed

Gillingham's third division match with Wigan Athletic, due to have been played next Tuesday, has been postponed because Gillingham have their goalkeeper, McDonagh, and winger Cochrane, on duty for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland respectively. No new date has been arranged.

Tuesday's results

FIRST DIVISION: Ipswich Town 2, Leicester City 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Queen's Park Rangers 1
SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn Rovers 0, Crystal Palace 1; Cardiff 3, Barnsley 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Brentford 3, Rotherham 0; Bristol R 0, Walsall 0; Burnley 0, Derby County 1; Cambridge United 0, Bradford City 4; Preston North End 1, Hull City 4; Wigan Athletic 2, Bristol City 2.
FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot 1, Colchester United 0; Bury 4, Chester City 1; Halifax Town 2, Stockport County 1; Northampton Town 2, Darlington 1; Southend United 0, Chesterfield 1; Wrexham 2, Rochdale 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Quarter-final: Orient 4, Millwall 2.
WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Newport County 0, Bangor 0 (Bangor win 1-0 on agg).

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Corinthian-Casuals 3, Swanley 1; Redhill 1, Hamwell 2; Waltham Abbey 1, Beckton 0.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Coleraine 1, Cliftonville 2; Linfield 1, Portadown 0; Newry 4, Ards 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 1, Fisher 1. Midland division: Bridgnorth 6, Forest Green 0; Coventry Sporting 0, Sutton Coldfield 1; Merthyr Tydfil 1, VS Rugby 0; Oldbury 1, Bromsgrove 4; Redditch 1, Dudley 1; Stourbridge 1, Hednesford 5. Southern division: Ashford 1, Salisbury 2; Canterbury 2, Dorchester 1; Gosport 4, Andover 0; Hillingdon 0, Chatham 1; Shappey 1, Poole 3; Woodford 2, Basingstoke 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Alloa 0, Berwick 0; Dunfermline 2, Raith 3; Montrose 0, Albion Rovers 0.
GOLA LEAGUE: Barnet 2, Worcester 0; Bath 1, Yeovil 0; Dartford 3, Dagenham 0; Enfield 0, Telford 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton 0, Macclesfield 1; Chorley 0, Oswestry 1; Gainsborough 1, Morecambe 1; South Liverpool 2, Goole 0; Southport 2, Worksop 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 5, Everton 0; Newcastle United 2, Stoke City 2. Second division: Blackpool 1, Leeds United 4; Sunderland 0, Bolton Wanderers 3; Wolverhampton Wanderers 4, Port Vale 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 3, Oxford United 0; Bristol Rovers 0, Crystal Palace 2; Charlton Athletic 2, Fulham 3; Portsmouth 1, Birmingham City 0 (played at Birmingham); Swindon Town 0, Swansea City 1; Watford 3, Norwich City 2; West Ham United 0, Brighton and Hove Albion 0.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 0, Barking 0; Harlow 3, Epsom and Ewell 4; Harrow 0, Carshalton 2; Hayes 3, Hitchin 4; Hendon 1, Wokingham 2; Sutton United 1, Slough 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Bognor Regis 1; Walthamstow 0, Wycombe 2; Worthing 4, Billericay 0. First division: Aveley 0, Molding 1; Bastion 1, Boreham Wood 2; Clapton 2, Hornchurch 3; Hampton 2, Walton and Hersham 4; Kingstonian 5, Hertford 0; Lewes 0, Staines 2; Maidenhead United 1, Wembley 2; Metropolitan Police 2, Oxford City 2; St Albans 5, Leatherhead 2. Second division north: Barton 1, Finchley 2; Chalfont St Peter 2, Epping 0; Cheshunt 1, Harefield 0; Flackwell Heath 2, Haringey 2; Letchworth 1, Haybridge Swifts 0; Leyton-Wingate 4, Wolverton 1; Royston 1, Stevenage 1. Second division south: Banstead 6, Hartley 1; Dorking 1, Southall 0; Eastbourne United 1, Grays 0; Egham 4, Hungerford 0; Petersfield 0, Ruislip 1; Rainham 0, Feltham 0; Uxbridge 1, Whyteleafe 0.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Neath 40, Glamorgan Wanderers 13.

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Barrow 14, Wigan 28; Bradford Northern 38, Hull 22; Hull Kingston Rovers 10, Widnes 32; Leigh 24, Castleford 24.

David Miller pays tribute to football's timeless ambassador

What the world owes Rous

As a boy in the village of Mutford, near Beccles, in Suffolk, Stanley Rous used to play in goal. In one particular foggy match, nobody knew much of the time where the ball was, least of all the referee, and the young goalkeeper found it part of his duty to inform the referee whether or not the ball had crossed his line. His honesty contributed to his team's 10-6 defeat.

It is in recognition of an administrative career distinguished for its integrity, far-sightedness, energy and predominant neutrality that some 500 guests from nearly 60 countries will tonight be in London for the FA's celebration of Sir Stanley's ninetieth birthday.

In order that he might play cricket and football and still get his homework completed, the schoolboy Rous used to be woken every morning at six by a farmboy colleague pulling on a string attached to his wrist and hanging out of the bedroom window, and he would creep downstairs without waking his parents to work at books for two hours before cycling to school, thereby having afternoons and summer evenings free.

The self-discipline of that era before the First World War taught him that duty and responsibility should come before individual rights, and he has devoted a quite exceptional lifetime to working so that others might play.

It has been remarkable that the most prominent 13 years of his life, as president of FIFA, began a year past retirement age as secretary of the FA, and that, since losing the 1974 FIFA election, he has



Rous: integrity

continued to travel the globe with the title of Honorary President, spreading, and continuing personally to receive a fund of goodwill.

On a recent flight from Los Angeles to Mexico City, the seat behind Sir Stanley was occupied by Doris Day, a nostalgic voice from the days when Billy Wright was England captain and many of us went to the World Cup by boat. Miss Day was somewhat conspicuously making it known to the stewardesses that she was travelling incognito and did not wish to be disturbed. On arrival, a concerned stewardess warned the reticent Miss Day that there was a large crowd at the foot of the gangway. She was doubtless disappointed to discover they were awaiting the elderly man in the next seat.

If it was his British fair play and dependability that made Rous's reputation as an international referee and then administrator, it also cost him the 1974 election.

"Bloody pourquoi?" protested a Belgian player when Rous allowed Switzerland to retake a last-minute penalty, and win, after the Belgian goalkeeper had moved early when saving the first kick. Forty years later Rous upheld the democratic vote of the FIFA executive not to bow to Russia's political manoeuvring on their qualifying tie with Chile, and insisted that FIFA regulations could not allow China's election if a condition was the unjustified expulsion of Taiwan. Those two honorable stances cost him Communist and African support, exposing him to Joao Havelange's unashamed electioneering and a 68-52 defeat.

His achievements are legion: the diagonal system of refereeing; his clarifying redraft of the laws, which has lasted half a century; 27 years as chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which he helped create with Phyllis Colson; pulling Britain back into FIFA; his assistance in organizing the patchwork 1948 Olympics (which earned him his knighthood); the founding of competitive European football with The Fairs Cup.

He declined the suggestion that the new World Cup should be called the Rous Cup after Brazil had won the Jules Rimet Trophy outright in 1970, and he regrets that over the past 10 years, "the talk is all of money and politics". Yet the global status of the game owes this former schoolmaster an immeasurable debt. He deserves today's recognition.



Mortimer: "Football is becoming a dangerous sport to play"

Brazil's captain fails to enhance his reputation in Italy

Socrates provides a paradox

Shelley called Italy "thou paradise of exiles". Alas, the footballer Socrates bears testimony to a different story from modern times.

Brazil's captain, a picture of elegance and excellence during the 1982 World Cup Finals, has had a strangely undistinguished season with the wealthy Italian club, Fiorentina and appears ill at ease in the league popularly termed the finest in the world.

Fiorentina have won the Italian league only once in 28 seasons and only twice in their history. They hoped to improve that record by bringing in Socrates to link with their Argentinian, Passarella, but the outcome has been altogether different from their expectations.

The club have come under fierce criticism following an early elimination from the UEFA Cup and an inconsistent time in the league, culminating in a recent 0-3 home defeat by Sampdoria, inspired by Souness and Francis. Socrates himself has been subjected all too frequently to the ignominy of substitution during league games.

Fiorentina's notoriously temperamental supporters feel a deep sense of dissatisfaction at events this season. Socrates, as the club's major financial investment last summer, represents the focus of all questions and accusations.

Socrates's problems have come as no surprise to shrewd European observers, accustomed to the special playing styles of the European leagues. Arie Haan, that splendidly combative and intelligent Dutchman who was the lynchpin of two Dutch World Cup final sides in the 1970s, says: "Socrates, in European football, will never be the same player we saw in Spain.

"He is not strong enough. The success of Souness is a perfect comment on the requirements of the European leagues. Players must have strength. In England, Socrates would not touch any ball because in a team which played very hard and quickly, you would not see him. His vision remains excellent but he is playing in a hard working team and he is not a hard worker.

"The more technique in the team and the more the football is along the Brazilian lines, the better he will do because he can be the architect as he proved for Brazil. But only if the football suits him."

Anderlecht's coach, Paul Van Himst, well remembers the night last autumn when his side beat Fiorentina 6-2 in Brussels to win their UEFA Cup tie 7-3 on aggregate.

"I do not believe Socrates is suited to Italian football and I have to say I am not surprised at his problems in adapting to the game there", Van Himst said.

"Maybe French football would have suited him better. It is too hard in Italy and he is not the player he was."

Haan and Van Himst are men of moderation in their views. Italian critics have been considerably less subtle in their condemnation of the friendly Brazilian.

Socrates has attempted to carry his awesome responsibilities with dignity. He concedes he misses his beloved Brazil, although the comparative lack of fan mania in Italy, compared with Brazilian fervour, has suited him.

He has found problems adapting to the Italian mentality. "The Brazilian people are much more open and I find it difficult to mix in Italian society because the people are closer," he told me. "For me it is a pleasure to see and visit Florence's culture, its history, music and art. The difficult part comes when I have to be involved in social life. The contrasts are extreme."

Florentina gave him a two-year contract. Should he see it out, something which is by no means clear at this stage, he may need all of that period in his search for a new identity.

"It is my biggest test', he says, aware of the expectations and fallen hopes at the club. "I play football with my head and in order to be successful, I have to feel good in my head first. That comprises many, many things."

A complex of problems has confronted this articulate young man through the European winter. Whether he can now justify Shelley's generalization seems open to increasing doubt.

Peter Bills

RUGBY LEAGUE

Full house for cup final

By Keith Macklin

All 97,500 tickets for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday week have been sold, and league officials said yesterday that the 100,000 mark could have been topped with ease.

The end-of-season congestion of fixtures, with its crazy results has produced a premiership quarter-final tie that no one wants. Wigan, who finished in third place, are at home next Sunday to Hull, who were sixth, six days before the teams meet in the Wembley showpiece. The match has little credibility with neither side likely to risk key players before the final.

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CRICKET

Thomson brought back to settle Australian turmoil over Ashes tour

Sydney (Agencies) – The Australian Cricket Board named three replacements yesterday for next month's tour of England, then later had to replace two of them because of a dispute over an unsanctioned tour of South Africa. When the turmoil settled, Jeff Thomson, aged 34, had agreed to make his third England tour.

At a morning press conference, John Maguire and Carl Rackemann, two Queensland team bowlers, were named as substitutes for Terry Alderman and Rod McCurdy and Ray Phillips, the Queensland wicketkeeper, was nominated to replace Steve Rixon. The three players dropped from the tour party had failed to sign a declaration disavowing any intention of visiting South Africa this year with a "rebel" Australian side.

First Maguire and then Rackemann subsequently issued statements through the South African tour organizer, Bruce Francis, that they too had signed to tour South Africa. The ACB named Thomson and Dave Gilbert, a fast bowler with just over one season's first-class experience with New South Wales, as their replacements.

The ACB chairman, Fred Bennett, was highly critical of the South African Cricket Union and Francis, the former Essex and Australian batsman, for what he called their raids on Australian cricket, and he hinted at legal action.

Francis later released a statement on behalf of Maguire and Rackemann, who is already playing league cricket in England, "The tour of South Africa will go ahead but I'm not prepared to name any more of the players at this juncture", he said. "There is no advantage to South Africa or to the Australian players to tell any more names. It would only open our players to potential intimidation by Hawke and his stooges."

Not all the touring party's problems have been solved (Ian Brayshaw writes). It is common knowledge that some of the team have been paid handsomely by Kerry Packer to withdraw from the South African venture. Authoritative reports place the amounts paid at definitely more than Aus $100,000 (about £50,000) and possibly more than Aus $200,000 each.

If that is so, some of Allan Border's team, none too loyal at that, will be rewarded with substantially more than the Aus $21,000 (about £10,500) Border and others will earn for their time and efforts in England.

Mr Packer, who backed the breakaway World Series Cricket in 1977, has moved unilaterally to help keep the ship of Australian cricket upright. Apparently without consultation with the ACB, he has also bought three years' allegiance from five young Australian batsmen – Peter Clifford, Dean Jones, Robbie Kerr, Mike Veletta and Steve Waugh – at a total cost of Aus $225,000. Estimates of Mr Packer's costs in keeping the home fires burning range at between Aus $500,000 and Aus $1 million.

He has a vested interested in the present and future strength of Australian teams. His television company has the rights to the coming Ashes series and the six Tests against New Zealand and India next Australian summer.

The South African Cricket Union president, Geoff Dakin, said yesterday that adequate replacements had been found for Murray Bennett, Wayne Phillips, Dirk Wellham and Graem Wood, the four players who had chosen instead to tour England. It appears certain that two of them are the former Test spinner, Tom Hogan (Western Australia) and the all-rounder, Trevor Hohns (Queensland). The rebel players have signed contracts worth Aus $200,000 to make two 11-week tours of South Africa over the next two seasons.

John Woodcock comments

Game plundered by two poachers

It is not the first time that Australia have been obliged to make changes in the side originally chosen for a tour of England. It happened in 1912, the year of the triangular tournament, though for a very different reason. Because the original team was refused by the Board of Control the right to nominate their own manager, as they had done for some years, six of them, including Warwick Armstrong, Clem Hill and Victor Trumper, withdrew from the tour. Partly because of this, but also because of the weather and the failure of the South African side, the summer was a disaster.

Of the three players to have withdrawn now, only Alderman would have been likely to take much of a part in the forthcoming Test series. Although no longer the bowler he was before suffering a bad shoulder injury at Perth in November 1982, he showed useful form for Kent last season and has a bowling style that is well suited to English conditions. When he toured England in 1981, he took 42 Test wickets at 21 apiece, a remarkable achievement.

Rixon would have been the reserve wicketkeeper. McCurdy, bustling, thickset and of a fairly brisk pace, has not played for Australia, other than in one-day internationals, and may now have to wait some time before doing so. For one thing, the tours that are planned to South Africa fall during the next two Australian seasons; for another, anyone going on them can expect to be banned from domestic cricket in Australia for longer than that.

Nothing is more ironic that the part being played in the affair by Kerry Packer. The arch poacher of 1977, he is now the head gamekeeper, though not, I gather, with the approval of the Australian Cricket Board. Having done everything in his power to undermine the establishment in 1977, by inducing many of the world's leading cricketers to play truant, he is now acting, or so he may think, as the game's benefactor.

Now that it is in Mr Packer's interests to keep a good Australian side together, he has bought off Lillee, Dennett, Wayne Phillips, Wellham and Wood, who had agreed to go to South Africa, and bought up half a dozen of the best young cricketers in Australia. It will hardly make for unity within Allan Border's touring team that those with the biggest bank balance will be the ones who had to be bought, at vast expense, back into the fold.

For many years, moderate and acquiescent South African administrators, such as Messrs Boon, Wallace and Joe Pamensky, made annual visits to Lord's in the hope of getting a hearing from the International Cricket Conference, if only to report their progress towards making the game in South Africa more multi-racial. They asked not for a return to full membership of the ICC but simply for some indication that one day someone might re-open some line of communication.

Instead, for year after year they were given the brush off. Eventually, realizing that any vote taken within the ICC on South Africa's future had become entirely a political one, they decided there was nothing for it but to go it alone. It was not to disrupt international cricket, as they have, that they resorted three years ago to buying the services of well-known players, but to keep the game going in their own country. That is as much the responsibility of their administrators as it was ICC's responsibility to try much harder than they did to prevent it.





Into the breach: Thomson (left) lines up with Lawson



Cowans takes a six-wicket spring into summer at Lord's. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Carr again in form at Oxford

By Richard Streeton

THE PARKS: Oxford University have scored 253 for seven wickets against Glamorgan.

Other than the annual change to the playing regulations, nothing is more confusing each spring than a first sighting of Glamorgan. Their recruitment net is always spread far and wide. Steve Malone, formerly with Essex and Hampshire, and Leslie McFarlane (Northamptonshire and Lancashire) were the newcomers yesterday in a Welsh attack who fared none too well against Oxford University, on a slow, unresponsive pitch.

Carr, who took a century off Somerset on Tuesday, again played the most attractive innings for the University. When 20, he survived a stumping chance against Steele, but the 16 fours in his 81 included some well executed square cuts and drives past mid-on. Carr was fourth out after two hours and threequarters, caught behind trying to force Holmes on the back foot.

Thomas looked the most threatening of the quicker Glamorgan bowlers; Malone and McFarlane were variable in direction. These two, incidentally, now belong to a growing band of nomads who have played for three counties. There have been 14, I think, since 1960 alone; between the wars such switching of allegiance was virtually unknown.

Miller, the Oxford captain, has yet to find his touch this season. Early on he was twice dropped in the slips off Thomas before he gave short leg a catch on the eve of lunch. Bristowe and Franks occasionally struck the ball firmly.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*A J T Miller c Steele b Cherry	18
W R Bristowe b Thomas	25
†J G Franks c Davies b Malone	35
J D Carr c Davies b Holmes	81
D A Thomas not out	79
T Patel c Steele b Holmes	0
C D M Tooley run out	4
R S Runagar c Jones b Steele	0
C Denny not out	0
Extras (b4, l-b 2, n-b 5)	11
Total (7 wkts)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–47, 2–55, 3–132, 4–193, 5–201, 6–249, 7–253.

GLAMORGAN: A L Jones, J A Hopkins, S C Holmes, Javed Mandad, Younis Ahmed, *R C Ontong, J F Steele, J G Thomas, †T Davies, S Malone and L L McFarlane.

Umpires: H D Bird and D S Thompsett.

Richer reward

Texaco have increased the prize-money for the three one-day international cricket matches between England and Australia this season. Each match will carry £3,250 to the winners, an increase of £250 on last year. In addition there will be a £350 man-of-the-match award, and a £500 prize for the man-of-the-series from each team. This year's adjudicators will be Brian Statham, for the opening match at Old Trafford on May 30; Bob Willis for the second game at Edgbaston on June 1; and Ted Dexter for the third match at Lord's on June 3.

Cowans puts a chill into the champions

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: MCC, with nine wickets in hand, are 64 runs behind Essex.

As is usually the case so early in the season, runs were not easily come by at Lord's yesterday. The pitch, predictably, was very slow; it was also well enough grassed for the ball to move about off the seam. For Essex, who won the toss, only McEwan, Hardie and Pringle got past 30 and six hours' cricket produced only 260 runs. The best performance of the day came from Cowans who, after a wayward opening, took six for 68 in 21 overs.

On the free seats, out of the wind and in the sun, it was like midsummer. At the other end of the ground, from lunchtime onwards, it was disagreeably chilly. There was an encouraging good crowd, most of whom, I expect, had been counting the days since last September for the season to start.

After letting the first two balls of the match slip away down the legside, Cowans bowled a full length – there was no point in doing anything else – and a good line. When, twice, he pitched short, he was hooked for six, first by Enst, then Pringle. Even after 18 Test matches Cowans is still on trial but at 24 he should have a lot of improvement left in him. It will be suprising if after yesterday he has not been pencilled in for the first Test match.

Foster, Cowans's opening partner in the last two Tests in India, is having to miss the start of the season with back trouble, which is said not to be serious. Allot, another contender for the new ball for England, bowled tidily and removed Gooch, caught at second slip, in his third over. This was one of two nice catches by Emburey; Nicholas, at first slip, put a couple down.

Ten minutes before lunch, at 95 for two, Essex seemed to be heading for twice as many as they got. An hour and a quarter into the afternoon they were 118 for eight, Cowans having had a spell of five for eight in six overs. McEwan had played disdainfully well for 41, Hardie quite enterprisingly for 31.

Pringle now knuckled down and made 47 before coming out and in his second spell of bowling taking Robinson's wicket. With Lever (resting a knee recently operated on) and Phillip (still in the West Indies) as well as Foster, out of the Essex side, Pringle completed a busy afternoon and evening by bowling for much of the last two hours.

He was also involved in an unusual incident, albeit a perfectly friendly one when it seemed as though he had been caught at the wicket off Cowans, driving at a ball outside the off stump. With nine wickets down everyone, except Pringle and the two umpires, departed for the pavilion, including Acfield, the non-striker at the Nursery End.

By the time it was realized that umpire Plews shared Pringle's view that he had hit his pad rather than the ball, there would have been nothing to stop Acfield, now in mid-pitch, being run out. But this, happily, is not the sort of game when keenness runs to that.

Essex: First Innings

G A Gooch c Emburey b Allott	15
P J Prichard c French b Cowans	8
B R Hardie c Gower b Cowans	31
K S McEwan b Emburey	41
D R Pringle c Allott b Emburey	47
*K W R Fletcher c Emburey b Cowans	1
K R Pont b Cowans	0
†D E East b Cowans	7
S Turner lbw b Cowans	3
J H Childs b Allott	6
D L Acfield not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 1)	2
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–23, 3–97, 4–97, 5–102, 6–102, 7–110, 8–118, 9–141, 10–162.

BOWLING: Cowans 21–8–68–6; Allott 22–5–83–2; Wells 7–1–22–0; Embury 4.5–2–5–2; Edmonds 3–1–2–0.

MCC: First Innings

M D Moxon not out	42
R T Robinson c East b Pringle	22
D I Gower not out	28
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 3)	8
Total (1 wkt)	98

R J Bailey, M C J Nicholas, C M Wells, B N French, P H Edmonds, J E Emburey, P J W Allott and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1–47.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and N T Plews.

Davis in Test squad

Kingston (Reuter) – Winston Davis has been called the West Indies' squad for the third Test match against New Zealand starting in Bridgetown tomorrow. He took three wickets in the one-day international there on Wednesday as West Indies, winning by 112 runs, took the series 5-0.

WEST INDIES:

D L Haynes, c Coney, b Chatfield	116
R B Richardson, c Coney, b Chatfield	21
H A Gomes, c J Crowe, b Cairns	78
†I V A Richards, not out	33
A I Logie, not out	11
Extras (l-b 5, w 1)	6
Total (3 wkts, 49 overs)	265

†P J Dujon, R A Harper, E A Baptiste, M A Holding, J Garner and W W Davis did not bat.

BOWLING: Troup, 10–0–57–0; Hadlee, 9–1–28–0; Chatfield, 10–1–61–2; Cairns, 10–1–63–1; Coney, 10–0–53–0.

NEW ZEALAND:

J G Wright, c Richards, b Garner	22
*G P Howarth, c Dujon, b Davis	6
K R Rutherford, c Holding, b Harper	18
M D Crowe, c Logie, b Davis	6
J V Coney, b Baptiste	5
J J Crowe, c Logie, b Harper	30
B L Cairns, c Logie, b Harper	5
†I D S Smith, c Garner, b Davis	37
R J Hadlee, not out	18
G B Troup, not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 2, w 4)	8
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs)	153

E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–30, 2–30, 3–36, 4–47, 5–84, 6–91, 7–104, 8–152.

BOWLING: Garner, 6–2–10–1; Davis, 8–0–32–3; Baptiste, 7–1–11–1; Holding, 6–1–10–0; Harper, 10–3–38–3; Richards, 8–0–31–0; Gomes, 3–1–16–0; Logie, 1–0–1–0.

Umpires: L H Barker and D M Archer.

Cambridge thrive in the sunlight

By Marcus Williams

FENNER'S: Cambridge University, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 256 runs behind Nottinghamshire.

Cambridge University had an encouraging day in the sun yesterday, particularly Alastair Scott, who took five Nottinghamshire wickets for 68 runs in only his second first-class match. Though Newell and Randall both passed 70, the county's middle order collapsed indistinguishedly before a declaration left the University to negotiate five overs.

Scott, a Freshman who has played for Sussex Young Cricketers, bowled left arm at a lively medium pace and had already created a favourable impression against Essex earlier in the week. He began by giving a tentative Broad well caught at first slip in the morning and then struck four times in nine overs after lunch. Johnson, driving, went to a fine catch by Fell, falling to his left at backward point. Birch played all round a full-length ball, and Randall and Evans were leg before pushing forward.

Broad and Newell, a compact batsman who was top of Nottinghamshire's second XI averages last season, had given the county a useful foundation, and then Randall joined Newell in a century partnership. Randall played and missed a good deal, but every so often his bat rang sweetly. Chris Scott, the reserve wicketkeeper, and Pick steadied the middle-order wobbles.

The pitch, though slow, seemed to offer the bowlers a little more than usual at Fenner's. The quicker men found movement off the seam, Grimes several times passing Randall's outside edge before being rewarded with Newell's wicket, and Cotterell, in a 36-over spell of left-arm spin broken only the intervals, discovered some turn.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Roebuck b Scott	29
M Newell lbw b Grimes	74
D W Randall lbw b Scott	74
*J D Birch b Scott	5
K P Evans lbw b Scott	13
I C W Scott not out	39
R A Pick not out	10
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, n-b 1)	5
Total (6 wkts dec)	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–51, 2–184, 3–198, 4–204, 5–209.

BOWLING: Grimes 17–5–39–1; Ellison 23–3–57–0; Scott 19–3–68–5; Cotterell 38–11–86–0; Gormen 5–1–15–0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

A E Liss not out	4
*C R Andrew not out	5
Extras (b 4)	4
Total (0 wkt)	13

D Fell, P G P Roebuck, D G Price, †A G Davies, T A Cotterell, S R Gorman, C E Ellison, A D H Grimes and A Scott to bat.

Umpires: D J Constant and D Lloyd.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir longing for sterner opponents

By Rex Bellamy

Jahangir Khan, aged 21, dominates the two squash codes – the international "softball" game and the North American "hardball" version – as his forebears did in the 1950s and 1960s. Nobody has beaten Jahangir at the softball game since April 1981. His fourth success in the Davies and Tate British Open Championship means that only Geoff Hunt, Hashim Khan, Jonah Barrington and Abdel Fattah Amr have won the title more often.

"I'm fed up with winning all the time," Jahangir admits. "Everybody says it's easy for me. I would like somebody to come up and beat me. If I could see somebody in front, I would work harder and harder. But I'm playing two types of game, American squash and softball. The movement, the skills, and the handwork are different. So I don't get bored."

Jahangir's latest challenger, at Wembley on Tuesday, was Chris Dittmar, the first Australian to reach the final since Hunt won the title four years ago. Dittmar lacks Jahangir's experience of the big occasion, and it was not until the third game that Dittmar settled down to play his best squash. Even then, he was second best. Jahangir won 9-3, 9-2, 9-5.

Dittmar and Stuart Davenport of New Zealand, aged 22, are Jahangir's chief challengers. Neither yet looks capable of playing at the same level as Jahangir for an hour and half or more, which they will need to do if he is to be seriously threatened.

Susan Devoy of New Zealand, aged 21, who retained the women's title, looks more vulnerable. She beat Martine le Moignan, 9-6, 5-9, 9-6, 9-5, but for most of its course, this was anybody's match. Miss le Moignan, a year the older, is playing the best squash of her career. Whether she will improve remains to be seen.

On Tuesday, there were comparative deficiencies in her anticipation, and in the time it took her to reach the front of the court. Moreover, Miss le Moignan's forehand volley was often wayward and, wary of Miss Devoy's drops, she was too cautious to take many chances with her own short game. Even so, Miss Devoy reckoned this was the hardest match of her career. Miss le Moignan's game was more difficult to read, she said, than that of Lisa Opie, who was runner-up last year.

The official attendance at the final was 2,904, and the Squash Rackets Association estimate that 12,000 people paid £65,000 to watch the championships as a whole. Miss Devoy won £2,400, Jahangir £4,400. "But I'm not playing for the money," Jahangir said. "I'm playing for the title and the prestige." Miss Devoy would not argue with that.



Jahangir: "fed up"

Lewis's Cup date

Wellington (Reuter) – The New Zealand tennis team will include Chris Lewis, the 1983 Wimbledon finalist for their eastern zone Davis Cup semi-final against China next month.

HORSE TRIALS

Murray has doubly successful campaign

By Jenny MacArthur

Lucinda Murray, aged 19, won yesterday's open intermediate class at the Tidworth Army Horse Trials, sponsored by MacConnal-Mason Thornycroft on Lutz Meyerdings eight-year-old Printer's Error. This was fitting since Miss Murray is the daughter of an officer in the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. Earlier in the day, she had a comfortable win in the intermediate section one on her own Disraeli.

Three riders finished on the same score just behind Miss Murray in the Open class but Madeleine Gurdon on the eight-year-old Midnight Monarch II was awarded second place because her time in the cross-country was nearest to the optimum time. Sally-Anne Eginton took third place on Star Burn. Mark Todd, the Badminton runner-up had an enjoyable first ride on Lizzie Purbrick's Robert the Devil, but finished outside the prize winners.

Andrew Nicholson, The New Zealand Olympic rider, who is based in Surrey, has good reason to celebrate his win on Spit-Teak in the Intermediate Section Two. The 10-year-old New Zealand-bred horse injured his tendons after over reaching at Burghley in 1983 and was off for eighteen months after an operation for a carbon-fibre implant. Yesterday the pair had no problems over the inviting, beautifully-built course incurring just two time faults.

Beverly Adams, aged 28, had a rewarding day off from her work as an IBM programmer in Portsmouth when she won the intermediate Section Three on the eleven-year-old Icelandic Warrior.

The final intermediate section fell to the dual Badminton winner, Jane Holderness-Roddam on Gelert of Wales. Virginia Holgate, the winner of last weekend's Badminton, had a good but slow outing in this event on the six-year-old. Welson Elan.

RESULTS: 1, Open Intermediate: 1, Printers Error (L. Murray) 30; 2, Midnight Monarch II (M Gurdon) 33; 3, Star Burn (S Eggerton) 33. Intermediate Section 1: 1, Disraeli (Murray) 28; 2, Bonest (J Marsh-Smith) 32; 3, The Border Raider (A Hancock) 40. Intermediate Section II: 1, Spit-Teak (A Nicholson, NZ) 25; 2, Sep (M Hounsell) 26; 3, Fleetwater Opposition (D Green) 30. Intermediate Section III: 1, Icelandic Warrior (B Adams) 34; 2, Border Collision (S Eggerton) 41; 3, Foxy II (T Vaux) 47. Intermediate Section IV: 1, Gelert of Wales (J Holderness-Roddon) 37; 2, Hopeful (S-A Bubb) 39; 3, Where's There's Smoke (J Elvidge) 42. Young Riders Open Intermediate: 1, Horton Point (R Bevan) 30; 2, Streets Ahead (H Montsith) 40; 3, Royal Masquarade (L Evans) 41.

ROWING

Redgrave's lead part

By Richard Burnell

Stephen Redgrave, the stroke of Britain's Olympic four, which won the gold medal in Los Angeles, last summer, took over the amateur sculling championship crown, vacated by Chris Baillieu, the three-times winner, when he won the Wingfield Sculls on the Thames at Putney yesterday.

Richard Stanhope and John Spencer-Jones managed to stay with Redgrave to the mile post, which was reached in 4min 40sec and where Redgrave led by two seconds. Then strength began to tell, and at Hammersmith Bridge, reached in 8:29, Redgrave led Spencer Jones by five seconds and Stanhope by 11 seconds.

With a good tide and only a light north-westerly breeze, Redgrave continued to gain, reaching 28 to Spencer-Jones's 30. He reached Chiswick Steps in 13:0, leading by 20 seconds, and Barnes Bridge in 18:57, leading by the same margin.

But above the bridge, Redgrave really pulled out the stops, looking relaxed and powerful, and went away to win as he liked.

RESULT: 1, S G Redgrave (Marlow RC) 21min 40sec; 2, J L Spencer-Jones (Bewdley RC) 22:09; 3, R Stanhope (Thames Tradesmen) 22:24; 4, B J S Burch (Thames Tradesmen) 22:33.

FOR THE RECORD

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Knockout Cup: First round, first leg: Poole 38, Wimbledon 40. First round, second leg: Barrow 18, Exeter 24 (abandoned after heat seven when a generator failed).

BRETT ALDERTON MEMORIAL TROPHY: 1, C Blackbird (Mildenhall) 13; 2, B Thomas (Hackney) 12; 3, D Perks (Long Eaton) 12 after a run-off; 4, B Garrad (Rye House) 11.

TENNIS

WTA RANKINGS: 1, Chris Lloyd (US), 400 pts; 2, Z Garrison (US), 315; 3, G Sabatini (Arg), 285; 4, V Ruzici (Rom), 250; 5, S Graf (WG), 230; 6, K Horvath (US), 205; 7, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 195; 8, P Huber (Austria), 175; 9, K Maleeva (Bul), 157, 10, C Bassett (Can), P Casale (US), M Maleeva (Bul), H Mandlikova (Cz), all 130.

ATLANTA: WCT Atlanta Championships: first round: (US unless stated): K Flach bt V Amritraj (In) 6-4, 6-4; J Sadri bt T Smid (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; S Davis bt W Fibak (Pol) 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; T Wilkison bt T Cain, 7-6, 6-6, 6-3; J Fitzgerald (Aust) bt L Stefanki 6-0, 6-3.

MARBELLA: Grand Prix tournament, first round: P Arraya (Peru) bt R Argello (Arg 6-4, 6-4; F Cancellotti (It) bt F Luna Sp 6-2, 6-1; H de la Pena (Sp bt J Bardon (Sp) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; S Shaw (GB) bt M Ostoja (Yugo 6-2, 6-3.

LAKE BUENA VISTA: WTA Tournament of Champions: First round: M Torres (US) bt M Garth (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; E Inoue (Japan) bt O Votavova (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, (7-5); R Sasak (Yugo) bt J Russell (US) 6-4, 6-1; Y Vermaak (SA) bt L Drescher (Switz) 6-4, 6-2; K Horvath (US) bt R Marsikova (Cz) 7-6, (7-3), 6-1. Second round: A Cacchini (It) bt P Louie (US) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; K Maleeva (Bul) bt P Shriver (US) 7-6, (7-3), 3-6, 6-4.

SAN DIEGO: Virginia Slims Tournament, First round: (US unless stated) W Turnbull (Aust) bt H Ludloff 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; K Kinney bt E Okagawa (Japan) 6-3, 6-2; R White bt S Amtech (Fr) 6-0, 6-1; I Antonopic bt S Leo (Aust) 6-2, 7-6, (7-2); A Jaeger bt B Gerken 6-2, 6-3; R Fairbank (SA) bt S Reha 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; L Howell bt S Collins 6-3, 6-4; A Croft (GB) bt L Thomsen 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; B Jorden, bt G Fernandez (P Rico) 6-0, 7-5.

QUEEN'S CLUB: LTA Tournament: Men's singles, First round: P Moraing (WG) bt A Brice 6-3, 6-2; P Hughesman bt R Whichello 6-1, 6-3; B Knapp bt J Turner 6-3, 6-2, J Bates bt L Alfred 6-7, 6-2, 8-2. Second round: J Bates bt P Hughesman 6-4, 6-3; M Baroch (Aust) bt R Drysdale 7-6, 6-1; N Christeson (Den) bt S Botfield 6-2, 6-1; P Johnsson (Aust) bt C Allgardh (Swe) 6-3, 6-0; P Moraing bt B Knapp 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, S Youl (Aust) bt B Cusser (Aust) 6-2, 6-3; N Fulwood bt D Stone (US) 5-4, 6-2; P Lundgran (Swe) bt M Bitnow 6-3, 6-4.

Women's singles, first round: S Reeves bt D Parnell 4-8, 7-7, 11-9. Second round: L Pennington bt E Wallser (WG) 6-3, 6-3; D Wiese (Rom) bt E Fetcher (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; K Okamoto (Japan) bt M Mendez (Arg) 7-5, 6-1; E Ekblom (Swe) bt T J Wood 6-2, 6-1; D Vanrensburg (SA) bt E Krapl (Switz) 6-3, 6-4; K Karlsson (Swe) bt A Olsson (Swe) 7-5, 7-6; J Tacon bt Louie 6-3, 2-5, 7-5, A Jborit (Swe) bt S Reeves 6-2, 7-6.

CYCLING

LARCIANO, Italy: Road race (235 km): P Gevazzi (It) Shr 58min, aver speed 39.385 kph.

ZAMORA: Tour of Spain: First stage (177km from Valladolid): 1, E Planckaert (Bel), 4hr 22min 20sec; 2, F Castano (Fr); 3, F Devos (Bel). British placing: 7, S Kelly, at same time.

SHOOTING

MEXICO CITY: World Air Rifle championships: Men: Pistol: 1, R Beutler (Switz) 581 (winner on last round); 2, J Pecsoc (EG) 581; 3, P Bramoin (Fr) 577. Teams: 1, USSR 1,736; 2, France 1,719; 3 USA 1,710. Juniors: 1 R Berto (Ven) 569; 2, A Wolber (Fr) 563; 3, M Mancini (USA) 562. Women: Rifle: 1, E Forlan (Hun) 391; 2, B Troger (Austria) 389 (second on last round); 3, V Letscheva (Bul) 387. Team: 1, Bulgaria 1,169; 2, USA 1,160; 3 Hungary 1,148. Juniors: 1 G Philippe (Fr) 382; 2, B Wigger (US) 379, 3, S Duda (In) 378.

BASEBALL

Detroit Tigers 4, Cleveland Indians 3; Kansas City Royals 7, Toronto Blue Jays 6; Minnesota Twins 4, Seattle Mariners 2; Baltimore Orioles 11, Texas Rangers 1; Boston Red Sox 6, New York Yankees 4; Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Oakland A's 14, California Angels 8. National Leagues: Montreal Expos 5, Philadelphia Phillies 4; San Francisco Giants 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Houston Astro 6, Cincinnati Reds 4; St Louis Cardinals 8, New York Mets 3; Atlanta Braves 4, San Diego Padres 2.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) first-round playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers 105, Boston Celtics 98 (Boston lead best-of-5 series, 2-1); Denver Nuggets 115, San Antonio Spurs 112 (Denver lead best-of-5 series, 2-1); Los Angeles Lakers 119, Phoenix Suns 103 (Los Angeles lead best-of-5 series, 3-0); Portland Trail Blazers 122, Dallas Mavericks 109 (Portland lead best-of-5 series, 2-1).

ZAGREB: Cibona 119, Red Star 106.

FOOTBALL

LAUSANNE: Swiss Cup, quarter-final: Lausanne 0, Grasshoppers 0 (aet, Lausanne won 5-4 on penalties and meet Neuchatel Xamax in semi-final on May 14).

FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 1, Nantes 1; Lens 1, Auxerre 0; Toulouse 2, Toulon 0; Marseilles 2, Metz 1; Sochaux 2, Tours 2; Laval 0, Brest 0; Strasbourg 1, Paris-Saint-Germain 1; Nancy 1, Lille 0; Rouen 1, Bastia 1.

BELGIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: FC Liege 3, Beveren 2 (Beveren win 4-3 on aggregate).

BOARDSAILING

OMAEZAKI: World Cup: Men's slalom: 1, R Nash (US) 16pts; 2, A Aguera (US) 15.0; 3, R Salles (Fr) 14.0. Women's slalom: 1, N le Lievre (Fr) 16pts; 2, S O'Neill (US) 15.0; 3, J de Rosnay (Fr) 14.0.

RUGBY UNION

METROPOLITAN POLICE DOWDESWELL CUP, Final: 'B' district 34, special patrol 3.

GOLF

ST ANDREWS: Aer Lingus schools championships: 1, Marr College 230; 2, Annan Academy 238; 3, Dunblane HS 239. Best individual: N Hampton (Fortrose Acad).

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National Hockey League Cup, second round, play-off: Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Islanders 3 (Philadelphia lead best-of-7 series, 3-0); Quebec Nordiques 7, Montreal Canadiens 6 (Quebec lead best-of-7 series, 2-1); Chicago Black Hawks 5, Minnesota North Stars 3 (Chicago lead best-of-7 series, 2-1); Edmonton Oilers 5, Winnipeg Jets 4 (Edmonton lead best-of-7 series, 3-0).

	G	S	B
France	5	3	2
Soviet Union	3	1	0
Bulgaria	1	0	1
Hungary	1	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0
Venezuela	1	0	0
United States	0	2	2
West Germany	0	1	2
Austria	0	1	1
Sweden	0	1	1
East Germany	0	1	0
Australia	0	1	0
Yugoslavia	0	1	0
Finland	0	0	1
India	0	0	1

YACHTING

White shows new class

From a Correspondent, Hyères

The fourth series of races at the French Olympic Regatta were sailed in near-perfect conditions here yesterday with force four-five winds and sun. Robert White, the most experienced member of the generally youthful British team, and his new crew, Jeremy Newman, came second in the highly competitive Tornado class.

They finished behind Goran Marstrom, from Sweden, the European champion and the silver medal winner at the last Olympics, in an exciting race, climbing into second place.

After four of the six races, they lie third overall in the 41-strong fleet, although Marstrom, who is sailing with the same crew and boat as at the Olympics, is probably out of White's reach, they are well in contact with Willy van Bladel, of the Netherlands, who is second overall. The consistent Stuart Childerley finished sixth in the 46-strong Finn class.

Fourth races: Division II boards: 1, A Bringdal (Swe), 2, G Guillerot (Fr); 3, J Davidson (Swe). British placings: 15, B Eddington; 16, B Morris; 36, S Priestley.

Finn Dinghy: 1, T Schmidt (W Ger), 2, O Khoperskil (USSR); 3, J Lindhardsen (Den). British placings: 5, S Childerley; 27, J Greenwood; 37, B McMillan.

Flying Dutchmen: 1, S Haakman/G Alkemade (Neth); 2, A Bazzill/R Wanda (WG); 3, E Eich/H Burgholz (WG). British placings: 23, R Yeoman/H Myers.

Soling: 1, B Budniikow/D Mirun/G Straich (USSR); 2, T Jungblut/K Bley/T Kroger (WG); 3, S Bekker/H Heemskerk/G de Groot (Neth). British placings: 8, N Wilbeck/G Kingston/L Ingram.

470 WOMEN: 1, T van der Vooren/H Stavenuiter (Neth); 2, Lenstrom/A Lamstrom (Fin); 3, F Labrun/G Berge (Fr).

470 MEN: 1, L Hutselmann/H Koerse (WG); 2, H Dietz/J Bos (Neth); 3, A Mura/P Bichetti (It). British placings: 10, K Sproat/H Calder; 21, S Teesdale/A Hemmings; 28, D Smithwhite/J Brickwood; 29, R Boardman/A Teesdale.

TORNADO: 1, G Marstrom/K Sodarbuier (Swe); 2, R Whiby/ J Newman (GB); 3, N Tetschel/R Lesiowe (Austria). Other British placings: 7, I Grey/T Hancock.

RACING RESULTS

Epsom

Going: Good

2.00) EBF HYDE PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,818.50)

CRONK'S QUALITY bchy Mais Raef–Ozone(Cronk Garages Ltd) 9-0 J Reid (4-9 fav) 1

Harry Scott gr or ro cby Friarley Park – Olympus Girl(Hrs S Al-Maiia) 8-7 X Radcliffe (33-1) 2

Sandroe sc c by Dominion– Fun of the Fair(T Stern) 9-0 ..... D McKay (25-1) 3

Also Ran: 8 Blue Ground (8th), 7 Be Positive (4th), 33 Formidable George Positive Approach (6th).

TOTE: Win: £1.40. Places: £1.20, £4.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £13.37. 59.23sec. Mrs S Switzer, Epsom.7 ran. NR: Sitcarraldo. 3l, hd, ¾l, 2l, 1½l.

2.35) GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP : £4,051: 1m 4f)

ROSTOVA br f by Blakeney– Poppy Day(W Gradley) 4-8-2 ..... S Cauthen (4-1 fav) 1

Quicksted br c by Hotfoot– Invitation(M Pipe) 4-8-5 ..... L Piggott (7-1) 2

Cochise bchy Tricy– Cerise Bissett (J Screwdridge) 4-10-0 ..... Pat Eddery (8-1) 3

Also Ran: 7 Russian Noble, 8 Janus (5th), Percase (F), 12 Moon Jester, Royal Craftsman, 14 In the Shade, 20 Sugar Palm, Trapeze Artist (4th), 33 Libraire. Withd (6th), 66 Sparkler Spirit.

TOTE: Win: £5.90. Places: £2.80, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £20.80. CSF: £28.89. Tricast: £194.12. C Brittain at Newmarket. 14 ran. 2l, hd, 2l, 1½l, ½l

3.05) RACAL–VODAFONE BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (Group III 3-y-o: C & G: £23,940: 1m 110yd)

LIGHTNING DEALER bchy Prince Tenderfoot– Lady Sailing(N Mandell) 8-6 Pat Eddery (16-1) 1

Tickly Bender bchy It's Freezing– Where's There's Smoke(Farming Co Ltd) 8-9 L Piggott (10-1) 2

Mildenhall br c by J O Tobin– Near Me Now(R Anderson) 8-9 ..... M Hills (33-1) 3

Also Ran: 7-4 fav Presidium, 3 Khozaam, 11-2 Lord Grundy, 6 Concorde Affair (4th), 66 Kentucky Coast (5th).

TOTE: Win: £22.80. Places: £2.90, £1.10, £3.50. DF: 45.10. CSF: £134.94. Tote 47.60 sec. Lord Grundy for 2nd following a Stewards' Enquiry was disallowed and placed last. P Kelleway, Newmarket. 8 ran. 11½l, 11½l

GOLF

Game in Spain feels the pain of Ballesteros's absence

From Mitchell Platts, Madrid

Severiano Ballesteros's absence from the £100,000 Cepsa Madrid Open, which starts here today, provides further evidence that European sponsors face a dilemma trying to attract the leading golfers.

The game in Spain gathered momentum because of Ballesteros's achievements but this time the country's only world-class player has decided to compete in an exhibition match in Australia against Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and Greg Norman rather than play here.

They will be playing a "winner-takes-all" version of golf poker, with a minimum of £10,000 at stake for each hole, at the Australian Club in Sydney, with world wide television coverage planned.

Ballesteros was apparently offered £25,000 to complete in th Cepsa Madrid Open but the lure of playing a round against Nicklaus Watson and Norman, with the possibility or earning £250,000, proved too strong.

What also concerns Cepsa is that Bernhard Langer, Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle are also missing and Spanish television have taken the eleventh hour decision not to screen the tournament.

A sokesman for Cepsa said: "Severiano sent us a letter apologising for his absence. But we have made every effort to increase prize-money and we are concerned that other players like Brian Barnes, Ken Brown and Lyle are missing, its getting more and more difficult to encourage sponsors to put up money - they are not dopes.

Langer and Faldo have also refused to complete in the Whyte and Mackay PGA championship at Wentworth next month because the sponsors insist that the £180,000 prize found fund is sufficient bait without there being any need to agree to appearance money claims.

There is little doubt that exhibition matches, such as the one in Australia, would have a detrimental effect on the tour if they increased in number. But Ken Schofield, the European tour executive director, said: "I understand that Faldo ad Langer have qualified for the Memorial tournament in America, which is opposite our PGA championship so they go with our blessing".

Meanwhile Howard Clark launches his defence of the Madrid title, hoping that circumstances will repeat themselves. Clark, who has played in only four events this year, explained: "Last year I slipped on some stairs and I hurt my back. I came here not expecting to do well but I won th championship, then went on to have my best season. It's incredible but last December I slipped down another set of stairs and passed out because of the pain. Let's hope the omens are in my favour".

Sam Torrance, Bernhard Gallacher and Pual Way are among Clark's leading rivals. Stephen Bennett, the surprise winner of last week's Tunisian Open, is also in the field alongside Nathaniel Crosby, who makes his European professional debut.



Clark: repeat on the card?

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Freight Rover Trophy
Quarter-final round
Bristol City v Newport County

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Manchester City (7.0); Stoke v Sheffield United (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham v Arsenal (2.0); Fulham v Norwich (2.0); Southampton v Swansea; Swindon v Charlton (7.0).
IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon v Glentoran (6.45).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester v Hastings. Midland division: Bromsgrove v Banbury; Moor Green v Merthyr Tydfil. Southern division: Basingstoke v Thanet; Chatham v Ashford; Waterlooville v Andover; Woodford v Dunstable.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ely v Sudbury; Histon v Colchester.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis v Windsor and Eton; Dulwich v Sutton; Wokingham v Bishop's Stortford (7.45); Wycombe v Hendon. First division: Basildon v Staines (7.45); Boreham Wood v Bromley; Leatherhead v Aveley; Lewes v Wembley. Second division, north: Barton v Epping; Berkhamsted v Royston; Chalfont St Peter v Letchworth; Heybridge v Ting; Kingsbury v Cheshunt; Leyton v Finchley. Second division, south: Banstead v Egham; Eastbourne v Dorking; Rainham v Hungerford (7.45).
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Littlehampton v Steyning (6.30).
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second Division Cup: second leg: Brighton v West Ham (7.15).

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Cross Keys v Swansea (7.0).
BASS MERIT TABLE: Taunton v Avon Police.

CRICKET
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire (11.30 to 6.30).
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan (11.30 to 6.30).
LORD'S: MCC v Essex (11.30 to 6.30).

OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: World professional championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).
TENNIS: Queens Club tournament.
SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Sheffield v King's Lynn; Ipswich v Swindon. National League: Arena Essex v Scunthorpe. Challenge: Middlebrough v Berwick. KO Cup: Ellesmere Port v Edinburgh.

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RACING: STOUTE'S STABLE JOCKEY FACES PORTMAN SQUARE HEARING

Eddery to strike on Happy House

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Pat Eddery and Steve Cauthen look the jockeys to follow at Pontefract today. Eddery has good prospects of landing a double on Kimble Blue (2.45) and Happy House (4.15) while Cauthen may well emulate him by winning on Ho Mi Chinh (3.45) and Leap Year (6.15).

The impression that last week's Wood Ditton Stakes may well have been an above-average affair will be put to the test when Happy House runs in the first division of the Pontefract Maiden Mile Championship qualifier.

Happy House finished an encouraging eighth at Newmarket, approximately a dozen lengths behind the winner, Miller's Mate. Looking at the field of unraced three-year-olds in the paddock beforehand, I formed the opinion that Happy House was far from fully wound up and that the race could only do him a power of good.

A fine big colt by Habitat out of the Oaks fourth, Laughing Girl, Happy House looks the type to improve with racing and he is preferred to Bruce Hobbs's runner, Queen's Eyot, who ended last season by running so well behind Dubian at Newbury. As Dubian looked unlucky not to win the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom on Tuesday, that was a sound effort by Queen's Eyot.

Kimble Blue, Eddery's ride in the first division of the Ropergate Maiden Auction Stakes, will not have to have improved much on his promising fifth behind Low Flier at Beverley to get off the mark.

Leap Year, Barry Hills's runner in the second division of the Pontefract Mile Championship qualifier, is the principal reason for Cauthen's long journey to Yorkshire. However, Phil Bull and Peter Easterby have taken the opportunity to snap up the champion jockey to ride Ho Mi Chinh (nap) in the Hey Group Sprint Handicap Stakes.

That decision could well prove profitable because it will need a jockey of Cauthen's expertise to guide Ho Mi Chinh home from his supposedly unfavourable high draw.

My reason for turning a blind eye to the draw is that the handicapper, with little evidence to go on, may well have underrated Ho Mi Chinh. The word from Malton is that the Homing colt has been pleasing in his preparation.

Last season Ho Mi Chinh looked destined to go on to better things after finishing second to Kieseritsky at York and winning at Newcastle. Unfortunately his two-year-old campaign was cut short when he stumbled at exercise, fell and cut his knees.

He was given the rest of the season to recover and now I expect that patience to be rewarded even though he faces stern opposition from Orchid Dancer, Stevejan, Illiney Girl and Hi-Hunsley, who have shown form already this season.

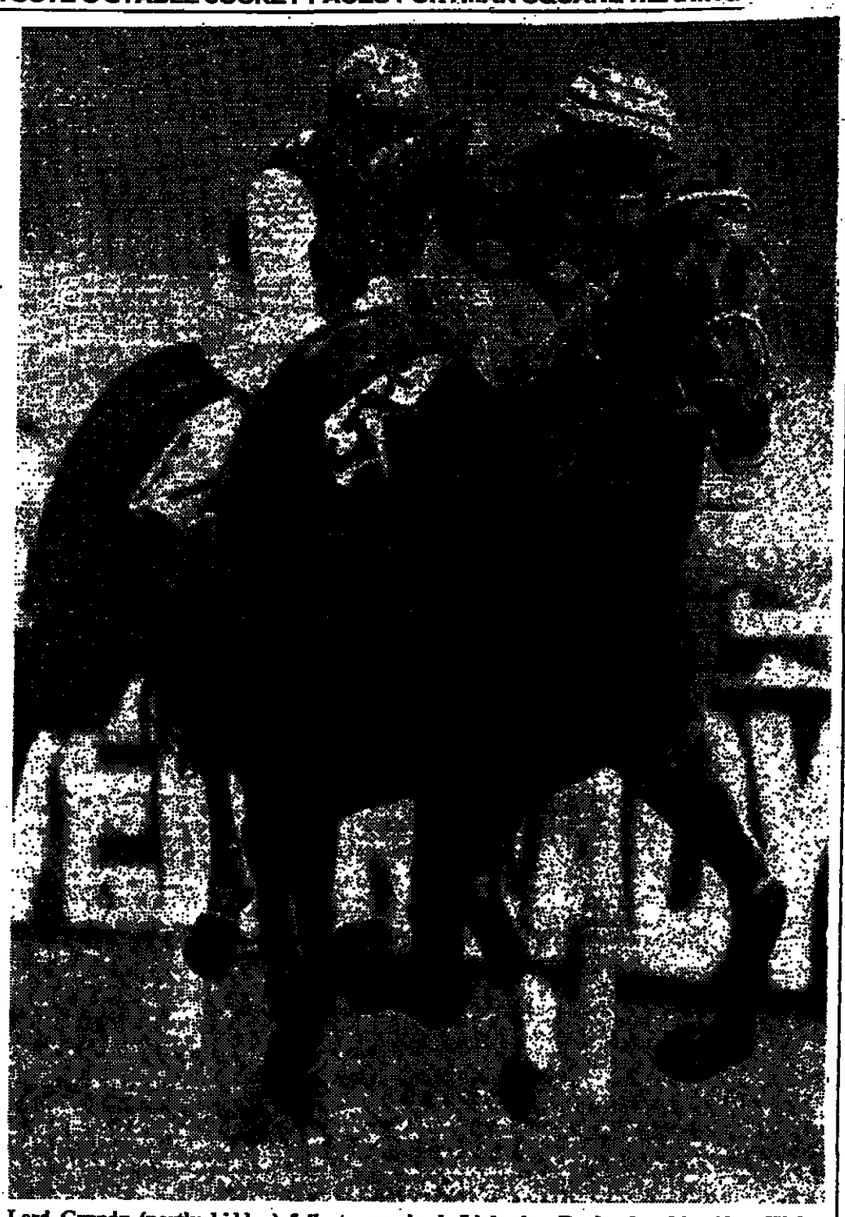
Leap Year finished unplaced in his first race at Doncaster but with the benefit of hindsight, it is clear that Hills's horses were every bit as backward then as the rest of the Flat horses trained in Lambourn.

With that run behind him Leap Year could well be up to winning his qualifier at the expense of Olivier Douieb's beautifully-bred newcomer, Metropolitan Star, who is by Lyphard and out of that high class race mare, Sanedtki.

Course specialists

PONTEFRACT

TRAINERS: B Hills 11 winners from 33 runners, 33.3%; M Stoute 15 from 48, 31.3%; B Hobbs 7 from 28, 25.0%.
JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 12 winners from 28 rides, 41.4%; S Cauthen 10 from 38, 26.3%; W R Swinburn 12 from 49, 24.5%.



Lord Grundy (partly hidden) fails to peg back Lightning Dealer but his rider, Walter Swinburn, has already incurred the stewards' wrath (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Stewards find Swinburn guilty of reckless riding

By John Karter

Lester Piggott was the name on everyone's lips for a familiar reason at Epsom yesterday. Yet again he was being touted as the man to step in and take over on a red-hot classic favourite – in this case Shadeed in next week's 2,000 Guineas after Walter Swinburn, the colt's intended rider, had been found guilty of reckless riding.

Swinburn, on Lord Grundy in the Racal-Vodaphone Blue Riband Trial, had nowhere to go as he sat behind Lightning Dealer, the eventual winner, and Concorde Affair, the early leader, a furlong and half out. He decided to force his way through a gap that was clearly not wide enough and in doing so interfered with Concorde Affair, who was pushed on to Middlesex.

The Epsom stewards took the view that not only was the gap Swinburn went for not big enough, but also that his continued use of the whip in his right hand exacerbated the situation. The stewards considered the offence serious enough to forego sentencing Swinburn themselves and instead referred the matter to the Jockey Club.

The question of whether Swinburn will be able to ride Shadeed on Saturday week, or indeed Dafayna in the 1,000 Guineas next Thursday, is very much in the air and Piggott, who has already promised to ride Balru in the 2,000, was his usual non-committal self. Swinburn said: "I'm going to Mass tonight and hope and pray I'll be all right for the Guineas."

The Jockey Club disciplinary committee will adjudicate on Swinburn's case at a time mutually convenient to all parties. And therein lies the problem. This in theory means that Swinburn's winning ride on Shergar in the 1981 Irish Derby to Piggott. The minimum suspension for reckless riding is two weeks (the maximum is a fine of £3,000 plus being declared a disqualified person).

As to yesterday's trial itself, that was remarkable not so much for the victory of Paul Kelleway's unconsidered outsider, Lightning Dealer, as for the running of the market leaders, Presidium and Khozaam, who filled the last two places. The latter, who had been backed by many shrewd judges at long odds for the Derby, ran particularly badly, finishing tailed off.

Lightning Dealer, who "can't get out of his own way at home", according to Kelleway, could run in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, but his main objective is the Derby.

Incidentally, Henry Cecil, Presidium's trainer, said yesterday that Lanfranco, the winter favourite for the Derby, would definitely run in the 2,000 after pleasing in a gallop.

Sylvia Swift, the widow of Brian Swift, the Epsom trainer, announced that she would be giving up her licence after the Guiness meeting and then delighted the locals with a double through Cronk's Quality and Barnet Heir.

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lawyers could delay the case to suit themselves, but the official Jockey Club line is that if there is any unreasonable delay, Swinburn could be ordered to appear before them.

A Jockey Club spokesman also said that it was unlikely Swinburn's case could be heard next Tuesday, a day when they regularly deal with such matters. This is because they have to receive the film of the race and the report of the local stewards and more importantly legal representation has to be arranged.

Swinburn has been suspended before, notably when he lost the

Humberside Lady out for season

Humberside Lady, who won the Derby Quincentenary Hurdle at Liverpool after finishing fourth in the Triumph Hurdle, will not run in the £20,000 added Mossmac Champion Four-year-old Hurdle at Punchestown today as she is injured.

Her trainer, Geoff Huffer, said: "She cut her legs when being loaded on to the plane yesterday. I'm very disappointed because I think she would have won."

This game four-year-old is now finished for the season but will be back jumping again in time for next year's Champion Hurdle.

● By The Way, an expensive Cheltenham Festival failure, has been cut from 12–1 to 10–1 by Mecca for Saturday's Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown. West Tip remains 5–1 favourite.

● Tim Jarvis's appeal against a £100 fine imposed by the Towcester stewards was dismissed at a Jockey Club hearing yesterday. Jarvis was fined for improper use of the whip when riding Burrannpour on April 8.

● Lester Piggott partners Adjourned for Dermot Weld in the group three Prix Corrida at Saint Cloud this afternoon.

● Ananas, who makes her dubut at Pontefract today (4.15), was backed to win the 1,000 guineas with Ladbrokes yesterday and is now 25–1 from 33–1. Olivier Douieb's filly is by Lyphard out of Little Nana.

● David Nicholls rode his first winner since breaking his right leg when Trade High took the Bentley Memorial Selling Handicap, at Pontefract yesterday.

Blinkered first time

PONTEFRACT: 3.15 Jarsula. 5.45 Won Chin. 6.15 Dewan Dandy, Empire Sands.

York acceptors

MECCA-DANTE STAKES (Group II, 3-y-o colts and fillies, 1m 2½y, York, May 15): Assemblyman, Balrn, Concorde Affair, Concorde Island, Conformist, Demiser, Durayd, Eagling, El Raggasa, Esquire, Father Matthew, Gallant Archer, Gay Captain, Gaspard, Grand Pavois, Infantry, Kala Dancer, Kalfour, Khozaam, Kohevjan, Lanfranco, Law Society, Leading Counsel, Leading Star, Les Arcs, Lidhana, Life Peer, Lightning Dealer, Local Suitor, Lord Grundy, Lysander, Middlesex, Midnight Tiger, Miller's Mate, Mordantia, Nemain, Nicobrige, Northern Plain, Northern Pride, Old Bailey, Otabert, Outrider, Petoski, Phardante, Presidium, Reach, Rodrigus, Royal Harmony, Sabona, Severn Bore, Shadeed, Siyah Kalem, Slip Anchor, Soldat Blanc, St Hilarion, Sulasfah, Tabardar, The Musical Priest, Tour D'Or, Trojan Prince, Troy Fair, Verdance, Vin De France, Wassl Dancer, Witchcraft, Ypsilendis. 66 first acceptors. Next acceptance stage, four-day declarations.

PONTEFRACT

Going: good
Draw advantage: 5f–6f, low numbers best.

2.45 ROPERGATE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o: £1,807: 5f) (15 runners)

4		SPINDRILL (Mrs S Barnacho) M Camacho 8-7	Y Marsh	7 11
5		SUPER MELODY (J Maxwell) G Hunter 8-7	P Cook	9
6		HUNTING SCARLET (F) Hanbury) E Weymes 8-5	E Guest	5 12
9		KIMBLE BLUE (M Hawtree) W Musson 8-5	Pat Eddery	6
15	D	KIMBLE BLUE (M Hawtree) W Musson 8-5	K Hodgson	10
16	DD	CASEY KEY (Mrs E Reed) M W Easterby 8-2	J K Darby	16
18	D	CROWN COLONY (J Elliott) D Moorhead 8-2	S Cauthen	8
19	D	GARDA'S GOLD (M Brittain) M Britain 8-2	B Crossley	1
20		HAVERHILL GIRL (G Blum) G Blum 7-13	M Wood	13
26		JERSEY MAID (S Gott) C Tinkler 7-13	J Lowe	12
27	D	LITTLE ARMIER (Miss J Bosley) K Stone 7-13	D Nicholls	3
28	DD	NEVER THE TWAIN (Mrs S Glover) J Glover 7-13	A Mackay	14
29		PRINCESS PAMELA (Mrs P McCalmont) P Felgate 7-13	J Mercer	4
31		RATTEN ROW (Hippodrome Racing) M W Easterby 7-13	P Hill	7
33	D	SHARMEENA (C Owens) R Hollinshead 7-13	S Webster	1
34	DD	WEN YOU'RE SMILING (G Jones) T Barron 7-13	S Webster	8
35			W Ryan	3

1984: Mrs Chris 7-12 S Dawson (5-1) M Naughton 18 ran
9-4 Kimble Blue, 11-4 Super Melody, 4 Haverhill Girl, 5 Ratten Row, 8 Garda's Gold, 10 Casey Key, 14 others.

3.15 CORN MARKET SELLING HANDICAP (£716: 1m 2f) (19)

1	402200-	TIPO STYLE (B) (A Alsthel) G Huffer 4-9-12	G Carter	8
4	0000-	APACHE TOUS (Mrs C Jones) W Musson 4-8-7	S Perks	5
5	43-0100	KIEV (J Bing) R Hollinshead 4-8-7	B Limecote	7
6	00000-3	SOIXANTE QUINZE (Mrs V Ward) W Musson 4-8-7	E Guest	9 13
7	000130-	NIGEL'S ANGEL (B)(D) (N Freedman) A Bailey 4-8-5	D Dibsley	17
8	003003-	HIGHVIEW (D Eld) P Bevan 4-8-5	M Wood	10
11	00000-0	MANGALA'S PRIDE (Mrs M Ward) P Richon 4-8-13	-	16
12	04000-0	WOODPECKER BOY (Mrs B Bolland) J FitzGerald 4-8-12	P Brette	7 12
13	004420-	GOOSEBERRY (A Hide) A Hide 4-8-12	P Robinson	4
14	0034-00	HOME AND TRADE (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 4-8-11	G King	7 14
15	04300-0	VAL'S PRIDE (B Wiseman) A Maclver 4-8-8	A Mackay	15
16	/0020-0	SURPASSE ATTACK (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-8-8	C Cousins	5 6
18	00/00-0	RIBBLE STAR (W C Watts) W C Watts 4-8-7	-	17
19	0/300-0	MRS. MOUSE LADY (Mrs M Thompson) R Thompson 4-8-7	R Cochrane	7
20	30000-4	WASHBURN FLYER (D Hodgkinson) J P Smith 4-8-7	R P Elliott	9
22	00-00	GREY CORAL (Mrs J Seed) T Fairhurst 3-7-13	R Pike	3
23	0400-23	JARSULA (B) (W Forryan) W Wharton 3-7-11	W Woods	6 15
24	000-0	FAR SEVYY (Mrs A Tompkins) M Tompkins 3-7-10	W Carson	2
25	000000-	SOONER (C Gray) C Gray 3-7-9	E Johnson	10

1984: Fair Mariner 4-8-3 R Fahey (5-1) P Richon 14 ran
11-4 Jarsula, 7-2 Kiev, 9-2 Soixante Quinze, 6 Highview, 8 Tipo Silly, Gooseberry.

FORM: TIPO STYLE (5-8) 2½l 2nd to Bean Pie (5-8) at Yarmouth, last placed effort. (1m 2f, £1,902, good, Aug 3, 7 ran). KIEV (9-2, 12½l 6th to Star Event (9-1) at Ripon. WOODPECKER BOY (8-7) 8th (6f, £1,865, soft, Apr 17, 19 ran) earlier (5-8) comfortable 4l Leicester winner from JARSOLA (7-12, 6f, £837, heavy, Mar 25, 6 ran). SOIXANTE QUINZE (9-7) 7½l 3rd to Pat On The Back (8-7) at Folkestone (1m 2f, £764, soft, Apr 16, 15 ran). NIGEL'S ANGEL (8-6) 4½l 3rd to Arrow Beck (8-0) at Goodwood. APACHE TOUS (9-0) out of first 9 (1m 2f, £1,548, soft, Oct 2, 18 ran). GOOSEBERRY (8-10) SI 2nd to Window Shopper (9-5) at Leicester (1m 2f, £764, good, Oct 23, 14 ran).
Selection: JARSULA.

Pontefract selections

By Mandarin
2.45 Kimble Blue. 3.15 Jarsula. 3.45 Ho Mi Chinh (nap). 4.15 Happy House. 4.45 Wildrush. 5.15 Yeti Song. 5.45 Mutinous. 6.15 Leap Year.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent.
2.45 Kimble Blue. 3.15 Tipo Style. 3.45 Henry's Venture. 4.15 Happy House. 4.45 Dick Knight. 5.15 Zanata. 5.45 Mutinous. 6.15 Joli's Girl.

By Michael Seely.
3.45 Orchid Dancer. 4.15 Ananas. 5.15 ZANATA (nap).

3.45 HEY GROUP SPRING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,729: 6f) (17)

1	21308-0	KAMARESS (M Britain) M Britain 9-7	B Cowgill	15
2	310200-	COLONIAL CARESS (D) (F Pollios) M Camacho 9-0	N Connorton	11
4	341000-	WORKADAY (D) (C Wilmont-Smith) C Gray 8-13	M Birch	12
5	21-	HO MI CHINH (P Bull) M H Easterby 8-12	S Cauthen	16
6	413320-	BRAMPTON GRACE (W Wharton) W Wharton 8-12	R Fox	6
8	21-2	HI-HUNSLEY (R Urquhart) C Booth 8-6	R Hills	1
9	32300-0	HENRY'S VENTURE (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 8-6	G Starkey	2
10	200-000	HOBOURNES ROSE (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-6	W Ryan	3 2
13	04360-2	ORCHID DANCER (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 8-0	J Lowe	10
14	100-130	FOOLISH TOUCH (D) (W McClennon) K Stone 8-0	L Charnock	13
15	0130-32	STEVEJAN (S Rea) S Morgan 7-13	P Robinson	9
16	2020-40	ASSONANT (Mrs A Sharp) Mrs G Rawsley 7-13	-	8
17	21300-0	BROADSMANS GLORY (Exors Maj J Rubin) J Berry 7-11	K Darley	7
18	130-041	ILLINEY GIRL (D) (M B O'Toole Cont Ltd) M Lambert 7-11 (7ex)	P Burke	7 4
19	00000-0	DOPPIO (A Harrison) G Blum 7-10	A Mackay	5
20	000000-	FARMER JOCK (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 7-7	R Street	17
21	004400-	NADRON (B Nordan) M Camacho 7-7	S P Griffiths	5 14

1984: Ashley Rocket 8-6 T Ives (6-4fav) W Musson 12 ran
3 Hi-Hunsley, 4 Ho Mi Chinh, 5 Orchid Dancer, 13-2 Stevejan, 8 Foolish Touch, 10 Colonial Caress, 12 Kamaress Henry's Venture, 16 others.

FORM: COLONIAL CARESS out of first 9 last 2 starts, earlier (9-7) 7½l 2nd of 8 to Embroideress here (6f, £3,057, good, Aug 9). HO MI CHINH (9-0) 3l Newcastle winner from Meadow Star (9-0) (6f, £2,882, good to firm, June 30, 14 ran). HENRY'S VENTURE (9-0) 7th of 12 to Betave (8-11) in Newmarket maiden (6f, £2,805, good, Apr 16). ORCHID DANCER (8-4) 1l 2nd of 14 to Lingaz Lad (9-11) at Edinburgh (7f, £914, good, Apr 15). STEVEJAN (8-7) 1 ½l 2nd of 7 to easy winner Peckits Well (9-2) at Haydock (6f, £2,534, soft, Apr 3). ILLINEY GIRL (8-0) was another 3 ½l back in 4th. ILLINEY GIRL (8-9) has since beaten HI HUNSLEY (9-7) 1 ½l at Beverley (5f, £1,379, heavy, Apr 13, 13 ran). FOOLISH TOUCH (8-13) was 10th. First time out FOOLISH TOUCH (8-10) had ILLINEY GIRL (8-7) about 3l back in 6th when Ayr winner (6f, £1,525, very holding, Mar 28, 9 ran).
Selection: HI HUNSLEY.

4.15 PONTEFRACT MAIDEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (qualifier (Div I): 3-y-o: £2,640: 1m) (24)

1	20-	AVEBURY (K Abdulla) F Durr 9-0	G Starkey	11
4	00-	BOURBON BOY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	Mark Gilles	7
5	00-	BRASOV (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchliffe 9-0	S Cauthen	10
6	032-0	CHANGANOOR (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	14
10	0-	DIRLO (T Warner) A Hide 9-0	B Raymond	12
11	00400-	DONAVAN'S CHOICE (J Fisher) M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	2
13	-	FIELD OF GOLD (B Beagley) L Lightbrown 9-0	P Bloomfield	6
14	0	FORTUNE FINDER (J Eggleston) C Thornton 9-0	J Lowdale	15
16	- 0	HAPPY HOUSE (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery	16
17	020-00	HEAD UP (M Murphy) P Brookshaw 9-0	W Ryan	1
21	-	KARAMANAD (L Westbury) H Collingridge 9-0	G Sexton	8
22	000-	KNIGHT HOSPITALIER (C Nelson) C Nelson 9-0	J Johnson	22
28	00032-0	OWENS PRIDE (M Britain) M Britain 9-0	S Cowgill	18
36	32-	TRY SCORER (D Knights' Darrys Smith 9-0	M Fry	4
38	00200-	WAPPY SPRINGS (Wappy Springs Ltd) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	19
42	0-	ANANAS (A Schaefer) D Douieb 8-11	A Lakeman	3
45	0-	CORONEA (Ld H De Walden) E Weymes 8-11	E Guest	5
46	0-	CRIMSON COVE (M Haigh) P Felgate 8-11	-	9
47	0-	CROISSANT DE LUNE (O Assi) H Thomson Jones 8-11	A Mackay	23
51	0-0	JELLO (T Bayley) P Richon 8-11	R Fahey	21
54	0034-0	MAIRS GIRL (D Brereton) A W Jones 8-11	C Dwyer	24
55	-	ONE LAST GLIMPSE (Mrs P Shaw) J W Watts 8-11	T Ives	5
57	400-	PETIT BOT (E Badger) W Musson 8-11	R Sidebottom	3
58	64-	QUEEN'S EYOT (Mrs J Hambro) B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter	15

1984: Inclusive 9-0 K Hodgson (4-1)fav) E Weymes 18 ran
11-4 Bourbon Boy, 4 Ananas, 9-2 Happy House, 6 Try Scorer, 8 Croissant De Lune, Avebury, 10 Owen's Pride, 14 Queen's Eyot, 16 others.

FORM: Bourbon Boy (9-0) 7½l 7th to Over The Ocean (9-0) at Newmarket (8f, £4,888, good, Oct 18, 17 ran). Changanoor (9-0) 17½l 5th to Dallas Flyer (8-7) at Haydock (9f 40 yds, £7505, soft, Apr 6, 8 ran). Try Scorer (9-0) head 2nd to Rendle (9-0) at Carlisle (6f, £1351, firm, June 18, 13 ran). Croissant De Lune (8-11) over 7½l 11th to Adjanada (9-11) at Newmarket (7f, £3107, good, Nov 3, 21 ran). Queen's Eyot (8-8) 4½l 4th to Dubian (9-9) at Newbury (7f, £4494, good, Sept 21, 23 ran).
Selection: QUEEN'S EYOT.

4.45 BARBICAN HANDICAP (£2,282: 1m 4f) (18)

1	001-120	RIDGEFIELD (D) (R Doughty) D Thom 7-9-10	G Starkey	13
2	21333-6	STATE BUDGET (L Budgen) W Musson 4-9-6	P John	7 2
3	00420-0	CLEARLY BUST (D) (K Spindler) D Morley 5-9-7	G Duffield	11
7	001002-	MEGIDDO (D) (K Bethel) R Boss 4-9-0	M Miller	4
8	22100-2	BALLYDURROW (T Glendinning) R Fisher 8-8-0	M Birch	18
9	000-	OCEANUS (R Mitchell) Denys Smith 4-8-13	M Fry	15
10	00300/0	YARISBROUGH (P Lowe) W Pearce 4-8-13	G Baxter	17
11	00000-0	TRUE HERITAGE (D) (A Hide) A Hide 5-8-13	A Murray	8
13	000000-	PRICEOFLOVE (J Simpson) B Wilkinson 5-8-12	J H Brown	5
14	0030-03	KING OF NAPLES (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-8-12	Pat Eddery	16
16	0042-41	DICK KNIGHT (Wallace Farms Stud) A Bailey 4-8-11	D Fowler-Wright	7
17	0/0040-	PAPAGENO (C Filer) R Hollinshead 4-8-11	D Oldham	5
18	40100-0	JUBILANT LADY (J Laurie) D Chapman 4-8-10	D Nicholls	12
19	000000-0	AIRBRIAN (Miss N Davenport) Mrs S Davenport 4-8-10	S Perks	6
20	/302-00	NYPLUS (D) (I Gallagher) G Spares 5-8-10	N Day	9
22	000-	LOST ALIBERT (Mrs A-D Cram) M Camacho 4-8-10	C Dwyer	10
23	110-302	WILDRUSH (W C Watts) W C Watts 6-8-9	N Connorton	14
24	/20-132	RIBBONS OF BLUE (Mrs P Watts) J W Watts 5-8-6	-	

1984: Timash 4-8-1 J McLean (10-1) J Ciechanowski 10 ran
7-2 Ridgefield, 4 Dick Knight, 9-2 King Of Naples, 6 Ballydurrow, 8 Ribbons Of Blue, 10 State Budget, 12 Clearly Bust, 14 Megiddo, 16 others.

FORM: Ridgefield (8-5 7l 8th to Clanroller (8-3) at Newmarket, Clearly Bust (8-2) back in 6th and True Heritage (7-8) 10th of 15 (1m 4f, £2824, good, Apr 18). Previously (7-9) 1l Kempton runner-up, course and distance (£1373, firm, July 24, 7 ran). King of Naples (9-7) 5 ½l 3rd to Moody Girl (8-8) over Newcastle (1m 2f, £1260, soft, Apr 5, 13 ran). Wildrush (8-3) 1l 2nd to Camden Rock (7-7) at Thirsk, Nyppus (7-5) last of 10 (1m 4f, £2117, good to soft, Apr 20) Ribbons of Blue (8-4) 2½ 2nd to Ballydurrow (8-11) 2l at Ayr (1m 5f, £1643, soft, Mar 28, 10 ran). Selection: KING OF NAPLES

5.15 SPRING THREE–YEAR–OLD MAIDEN STAKES (£814: 5f) (15)

1	00304-0	ABLE MAYBOB (A Crawford) G Gaines 9-0	D Nicholls	8
2	000-	LOCH LADDIE (H Yates) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	14
3	33032-	YETI SONG (R Tidcoc) G Hunter 9-0	A Barclay	9
4	-	AFRICAN FLIGHT (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway	5 15
5	03230-0	IN THE FAMILY (Mrs J Ramos) W Guest 8-11	E Guest	5 16
11	0000-03	LAUGHING MATTER (R Sangster) M W Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson	6
12	0-0	LUCKY STARKIST (J Neville) Ron Thompson 8-11	S Horsfield	5 1
13	-	MRS BARBIE (S Bridgeford) B Fletcher 8-11	-	11
14	00000-0	NAME THE GAME (G Bruorton) M Camacho 8-11	N Connorton	4
15	300300-	OCKEYYA (Mrs A Upsdell) D Weeden 8-11	-	13
16	004-0	REIGNING (Mrs H Stevens) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	2
17	0-	ROSIE PUG (W Benson) J W Watts 8-11	-	17
18	000	ROSITA (T Wasserman) J Winter 8-11	T Ives	1
19	00-0	SAFFRON SCANDAL (M Bloor) J Berry 8-11	G Duffield	8
22	2	ZANATA (BF) (N H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	18

1984: Tarquin 9-0 E Hide (11-1) A Hide 11 ran
11-10 Zanata, 3 Yeti Song, 5 In The Family, 13-2 Laughing Matter, 8 Rosie Pug, 10 Able Maybob, 16 others.

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BIRTHS

ASHFIELD – On April 19th, to Francesca (née Koch) and Jeff, a beautiful sister, Leonie Caroline, a sister for Piers and Hayden.

DUDGEON ON April 13, to Douglas (O.M. to Valerie (nee Cookman) and Ian, a daughter Emma Louise, a sister for Maryaret.

FITZPATRICK - On April 21st to Mem and Edward, a daughter, Edwina Lydia Rose, a sister for Michael.

GOULTY – On April 18th in Newcastle upon Tyne, to Veronica and Neil, a son, Charles William Stewart, a brother for James, Duncan and Robert.

HALFHEAD – On April 21st at St Thomas' Hospital, to Frankie (née Waterhouse) and Christopher, a daughter.

HERRICK – On April 22nd, to Julia (née Tormey) and Martin, a daughter, Philippa.

JOHAL – On 12th April, to Tasneem (nee Mirza) and Makhan – blessed a daughter (Ayesha Shahzadi), a sister for Tashveen.

LAMAN On April 22nd 1985 to Hilary, wife of Tim – another boy.

LOWSON.–On April 18, in Plymouth, to Margaret (née Black) and Peter – a son (Frederick James), a brother for Henry.

MORRISH. – On April 19th at RHCH, Winchester, to Rosemary (née Dixon) and Robert – a daughter, Laura, a sister for Nicholas and Gareth.

OGN.VIE – On April 21st to Louise and John, a son, Thomas Frederick John.

PAXTON. – To Josephine (née Turton) and Ian on April 20 a son, John Edward Sackville.

PRUTZ ON April 20, at West London hospital, to Judy and Uli, a son . Thomas Gerhard.

RATCLIFF On April 20th 1985 at St Thomas's Hospital, London, to Annie (nee Lecomte) and Robin, a daughter (Christine, Jacqueline), a sister for Stephanie.

SARTIN. – On March 29th to Steph and Richard, daughter, Rebecca Jane, first grandchild to John and Jose.

SHEPHERD. – On April 16th at St Thomas' Hospital to Catherine (née Bilocke) nee Lamb, a son, Alexander Philip St Vincent.

STEVENSON – On April 20th to Rosalind (nee Cooper) & Roger, (a sister for Elizabeth.

WADE – On April 17th at Lister Hospital to Lucy (né Standing) and Michael – a son and heir, Harry James.

WARR – On 22 April to Alison and Adrian a daughter, Camilla Louise, a sister for Patrick and Edward.

YEADON – On April 24th, at Harrogate General Hospital, to Angela (née Houghton) and Michael, a daughter, Jane, a sister for Claire, Alexander and Thomas.

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DE LOYNES. – To Anthea (née Troughton) and Stephen a son, Edward Anthony John, now aged 5 months.

BIRTHDAYS

OYEZ OYEZ! Fred Clarke is 60 today. Happy Birthday. Happy Retirement. Lots of love from the family.

DEATHS

ARMITAGE – Francis William of Great Ayton on 18th April. Beloved husband of Irene and much loved father of John, Keren, Roger, Martin and Peter. Funeral has already taken place.

BRINKWORTH. On Monday, April 22. Gwladys Winifred Brinkworth (née Davies), of Banbury, born 1905, widow of Dr E R C Brinkworth, a much loved and admired aunt and great aunt. She will be sadly missed. Cremation will take place privately, with no flowers please by request. Donations if desired for the Friends of The Horton General Hospital, c/o J & M Humphries, Albert Street, Banbury.

CAMERON. On April 23 at Hereford, Mary Diana (Ginger), of Crowthers Pool, Brilley. Beloved wife of Peter Duncan and mother of Hamish, Fiona and Alistair. Private cremation followed by interment of ashes at Brynwyan Parish Church on Saturday, May 4, 1985 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to Dawe Bros, 116 Westfaling Street, Hereford. In aid of Cancer Research.

CAMERON. – At home in London, Ontario on April 19, 1985, Vera Cameron, dearly loved wife of James Munro Cameron, mother of Bridget Neumayr and the late Mark Cameron. A funeral Mass was celebrated in St Peter's Basilica, London, Ontario, Canada on April 24, 1985.

CAMERON.–On April 22nd, 1985, peacefully, in hospital, at Totnes, Iona Cameron, aged 77 years, beloved wife of the late Commander Archibald Cameron, R.N.S. and dear mother of Ewen. Requiem Mass at Slindon Catholic Church, West Sussex, on Tuesday, April 30th at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Chichester. Family flowers only, by request, but donations, if desired, to Slindon Catholic Church may be sent to c/o F. A. Holland & Son, 35/37 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis. Tel. (02431) 827311.

CARTER. – On April 23, aged 96, suddenly and peacefully, Ida Lavington Carter. Sadly by Robert Barbour of Balsawarth, and Secondly of Hamil Carter of Crown House, Bedford St. John. Cremation at Gerald Deddington, 12 noon, Tuesday, April 30. No flowers, donations to church treasurer, Manor House Farm, Barford St John.

CHATFIELD–ROBERTS. – On 23rd April, 1985, Graham Chatfield, T.D., loved and loving husband of Mary and father of Jane and Emma, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral 3pm, Friday, 26th April, 1985, at St Mary Magdalene, Bures, Suffolk. Flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Yeomanry Benevolent Fund. Memorial service in London later.

CORDES, Major James Lucas Broome Hope, formerly Chief Test Pilot, Hadley Page Ltd, on April 18th, in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Muriel. No letters please, funeral private.

CULLIS, RICHARD JOHN. – Most loved and loving son of Gillian and brother of Jane. Rest in peace darling, Funeral Putney Vale on Friday 26th at 2pm and family flowers only.

CURREY.V– On April 16, of a stroke, Alison, aged 79, widow of Idris Alston Currey and mother of John and Robert.

DUCLOS. – On April 22nd at home Bicestor, after an illness borne with great courage and resignation, beloved wife of Group Captain Victor Duclos. Mother of Vicki & John, grandmother of Timothy, Cremation service at Oxford crematorium at 4.30pm. Friday, April 26th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Cancer Research Campaign.

ELSASL – On April 21, 1985, at St Luke's Hospital, Thomas Charles, Priest, Father Paschal Mark of St Benet Fink, Walpole Road, Tottenham, N17, Friday, April 26 at 1.45pm, following Requiem Mass at 11. Cremation. Cut flowers only please to St Benet Fink Church.

MAY. On April 21st, peacefully, Mary Emma, age 96. Beloved mother of Hugh, grandmother of Antonia and Peter, great-grandmother of Emma, Kelda, Karen and Christopher. Funeral service at 2.30pm. Saturday, April 27th. All Saints' Church, Wanstead, Nr. Tilbury. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Mother Teresa.

MULLER ON April 16, 1985, suddenly in Budapest on business. George much loved husband of Margaret. All enquiries to Buttons, Woodbridge, Suffolk. (03943) 2160. Family flowers only. Donations to Rotary Club of Woodbridge Benevolent Fund for local charities.

PARKINSON HILL – April 22nd, 1985, at Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford, Ireland. Dr Edward Parkinson Hill. Memorial service at Christchurch Cathedral, Waterford, on Saturday, 27th April at 3pm.

SAILLARD. – Portia Natalie North. On Thursday, April 18, 1985. Adored daughter of Retana and Suzanne Saillard and affectionate sister to Philip, suddenly in her 19th year. Head girl, St Catherine's senior school, elected unanimously and loved by the entire staff and school. She walked in the Lord's footsteps. Resurrection Mass, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Church, Sheen Road, East Sheen, Friday, April 26, 11 o'clock, followed by private cremation and interment in family vault at Highgate Cemetery. Please God, take her to your heart.

DEATHS

THOMPSON. On April 24th, in hospital, Margaret Rachael Ofeld, aged 86, beloved wife of the late Rt Rev W. J. Thompson, Ckr. Bishop to Iran, and dear mother of Rachel, Eleanor and Margaret. Funeral at Mortlake Parish Church, Mortlake High Street, on Thursday, May 2nd at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations in memory may be made to CMS or IDA.

TIVERSY – On 23rd April 1985, peacefully in hospital Winifred Phebe (née Holloway) of Petersna, Wiltshire in her 98th year. Funeral Service at The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Potterne on Tuesday 30th April at 2.15 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

WAKEFORD, (TUPP) Phyllis on April 21st at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay, beloved wife of the late Sidney Julian Wakeford. Cherished mother of Anthony & Patricia, darling (Tos-Ca) to Paul & Tracie & twin babies Jullian & Christian. & Dearly loved twin sister of Marjorie. Cremation service at Torquay crematorium on Friday 26th April at 3.30pm. Only family flowers, but if desired donations to Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road, Torquay, please.

WILKINSON – On April 22nd in Cambridge, L. P. Wilkinson, Fellow of King's College, husband of Sydney and father of Dickon and Stephen. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

...afax AM.
...akfast Time with Frank ...ugh and Selina Scott. ...ather news at 6.55, 7.25, ...5, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.18; ...ional news, weather and ...el at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57, and ...7; national and international ...s at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 ...9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 ...8.20; and a review of the ...rning newspapers at 8.37. ...s. Zoe Brown's teenage ...ort; Glynn Christian's ...pe hints; and Richard ...ith's 'phone-in surgery. ...efax. 10.30 Play School (r). ...fax.
...s After Noon with Frances ...verdale and Chris Lowe. ...e weather details come ...m Michael Fish. 12.57 ...gional news (London and ... only: Financial report ...owed by news headlines ...h subtitles).
...bble Mill at One includes ...ter Seabrook putting the ...shing touches to the garden ...he renovated semi- in ...lhull. 1.45 Trumpton. (r). ...0 Ceefax. 3.53 Regional ...s (not London).
...p and Smiff. Animated ...entures of a sheepdog and ...abby cat. 4.10 Ivor the ...gine (r). 4.15 Jigsaw. ...tertaining word game ...les, presented by Adrian ...day (r). 4.30 Bananaman ... 4.35 Dogtanian and the ...ree Muskehounds. Cartoon ...les.
...hn Craven's Newsround.
...e Peter, with Simon ...oom, Janet Ellis and ...chael Sundin. A 200 year old ...ying suit is one of the ...hibits in Sea Finland, an ...portant new exhibition at the ...tional Maritime Museum, ...hich is being previewed in ...day's edition (Ceefax).
... Kildare. Lydia McGuire ...ds it increasingly difficult to ...press her true feelings as ...s condition of Felix Holman ...ntinues to deteriorate (r).
...aws, with Sue Lawley and ...cholas Witchell. Weather.
...ondon Plus.
...astEnders. Pauline and ...rthur are very upset by the ...ntinued absence from home ... their son, Mark. Is there ...yone in the family who can ...rovide clues to Mark's ...hereabouts? Meanwhile, ...ngie decides to telephone ...en in Spain while Sue, at the ...rong end of anonymous ...alls, is driven to make a ...tartling accusation (Ceefax).
...omorrow's World includes ...eports on a solar-powered, ...entilated pith helmet; a solo-...lying television camera; and ...how the legs of oil rigs are ...kept free of barnacles.
Top of the Pops presented by Mike Read and Gary Davies.
The Lenny Henry Show. Comedy sketches featuring ...nny Henry and guests, who ...clude Nicholas Lyndhurst, ...avid Bellamy and Linda ...ews (r).
...ews with Julia Somerville. ...eather.
Woke Up One Morning. The ...al episode of the serial, written by Carla Lane, about a ...roup of men in a drying-out ...linic for alcoholics.
Question Time. Sue Lawley's ...anel consists of MPs Cecil ...arkinson and Donald Dewar, ...he chairperson of the ...ssociation of Small Firms and ...elf Employed People, Teresa ...orman, and Myra Blyth, ...ecretary of the British Council ...f Churches.
The Learning Machine. The ...irst of a new series of six ...rogrammes in which Tim ...'Shea, lecturer in ...ducational technology at the ...pen University, examines the ...se of computers in education.
Taxi. Jim is left a fortune by his ...ather but first he has to prove ...hat he is sane enough to ...dminister the estate.
Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; consumer advice at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23 pop video at 7.54; Rick Wakeman's home at 8.15; film review at 8.40; and babytalk at 9.05. The guests include Henry Cooper and Rick Wakeman.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: middle English. 9.48 Maths: solids - regular and irregular shapes. 10.06 The natural history of pond life. 10.23 Religious education. 10.43 Sex education and human relationships. 11.02 Maths: numbers and length. 11.14 Children and their lives. 11.34 The legs and feet of animals.

11.55 Rub a Dub Dub. A modern version of the nursery rhymns, Incy Wincy Spider. 12.00 Foxtales. Peter Davison with the story of Rabbit's House. 12.10 Mooncat and Co. 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News at One and weather. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Jane Wyman stars as Angela Channing, the scheming matriarch of a Californian wine business. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Baked Sandwich Supper.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a subject of topical importance. 3.00 Gems. Rag trade serial. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Foxtales. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Wonders in Letterland. Debbie in the land of I. 4.40 First Post. Children's letters panning or praising their television programmes. 5.00 Dangermouse.

5.15 Thames Sport, introduced by Steve Rider, includes reports on last night's European football competition games and on the British Middleweight title fight. Plus an interview with squash super-star, Jahangir Khan.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of a meeting that has been organised to help anyone who is worried about the new regulations for unemployed people living in Bed and Breakfast accommmodation and claiming social security benefit.

6.35 Crossroads. The day of the funeral arrives and it is decision time for Harry and Sheila.

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. As Pat and Jack try to patch up their marriage Pat wonders whether or not she can believe what Jack has promised her.

7.30 Knight Rider. Michael Knight and his computerised car, KITT, in another battle against those who stray from the straight and narrow.

8.30 Minder: Caught in the Act. Fact. Arthur, very busy selling goldfish, arranges for Terry to look after a magistrate, Lady Margaret Thompson (r).

9.30 TV Eye: Less Pay, More Work? Will asking workers to accept pay cuts lead to less unemployment?

10.00 News at Ten.

10.30 Return to Vietnam. Michael Nicholson reports from both the north and south of the country. (See Choice.)

11.15 Parents and Teenagers. The first of eight programmes in which families talk about young people developing a life of their own.

11.45 Paul Simon - Hearts and Bones. The singer performs four songs and talks about his music.

12.15 Night Thoughts.

● **RETURN TO VIETNAM** (10.30pm in the Thames Television area, but times may vary elswhere). Michael Nicholson's special report for ITN, provides graphic confirmation of what political commentators have kept telling us since the Vietnam war ended 10 years ago: that North and South, though united under the Communists, are still apart. Mr Nicholson's conclusion is that although the Communists swept down from the North to give the South nationhood, it is still holding it captive in its Marxist shell. Ten years into the peace, paradox is everywhere. Vietnam has the world's fourth largest army, yet rice is still planted by hand. The economic system is Marxist-Leninist, yet free enterprise flourishes. Christianity is discouraged, yet Saigon's cathedral is packed for Mass.

CHOICE

Elitism is alive and well within a society that officially outlaws it.

● **ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE** (Channel 4, 10.55pm) is a marvellous scene-setter for Sunday afternoon's Channel 4 transmission of Gluck's opera. Tucked away among the host of fascinating facts is a reminder of how narrowly we escaped having the Orphic poems at the centre of our religious lives instead of The Bible. It is astonishing to see how the original Orpheus and Eurydice myth has been turned inside out over the centuries by inter alia, Monteverdi, Offenbach, Rilke, Anouilh, Tennessee Williams and Cocteau. Lesley Keen's animated Greek vase provides the film's indespensable bookends, and the screen explodes in a Bonfire Night display of brilliant images (the work of a company called Persistent Vision Animation, who are well named) before Mike Alexander's documentary section begins.

● **SCREEN FOR HELP** (Radio 4, 7.40pm), an investigation into the present parlous state of the British film industry, will be better than its weakly punning title. It could scarcely be worse. On paper, it sounds exactly what's needed to focus attention on the industry's ills, and what is available by way of a cure. There are the views of the film-makers, and the executives, and a ministerial presence. There are two important bonuses: a listeners' phone-in (after 8.20pm), and a platform for television, the enemy that began the process of thinning the cinema queues.

Peter Davalle



ITN's Michael Nicholson: Return to Vietnam

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Maths - Iteration and Convergence 6.55 Steel Stars and Spectra Ends at 7.20.

9.00 Ceefax.

10.25 World Snooker. Day fourteen begins with the second set of seven frames in the first semi-final of the Embassy World Professional Championship.

1.00 approximately Ceefax.

2.50 World Snooker. The afternoon session begins with the drawing of the winning card in the Shot of the Championship competition. At 3.00 the second semi-final continues.

5.25 News Summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 Lifegames. Steve Blacknell, in the second programme of his repeated series, examines the unwritten rules of engaging the opposite sex in conversation at parties. Are the rules and roles changing?

6.00 The Invaders. The aliens learn of David Vincent's small group of confidantes and their threat to the alien. The group are attacked, some are killed and Vincent is captured and interrogated.

6.50 Phil Silvers* as Sergeant Bilko. A heatwave hits Fort Baxter and Bilko hits upon the idea of getting the whole camp to act as if they have sun madness in order that they be sent to an Army rest centre in the cool Rocky Mountains (r).

7.15 World Snooker. The third session of the first semi-final, plus highlights of the day's earlier play.

8.00 Around with Alliss. The last programme of the series and Peter Alliss plays a few holes of the Berkshire Golf Club with comedian Jimmy Tarbuck.

8.30 Topol's Israel. The entertainer's musical journey around his native country brings him to Jerusalem where he meets his old friend Teddy Kolleck, the mayor of the city.

9.00 World Snooker. Further coverage of the semi-final action in the Embassy World Professional Championship.

9.30 Forty Minutes: Sex, Drugs and the Vicar. A documentary, first shown in 1981, about a week in the life of the News of the World, the editor and his staff. An intriguing insight into how the investigative journalist and his ever-attendant photographer build up a story lurid enough to splash on the front page in order to tempt people to buy the publication.

10.10 World Snooker. Further coverage from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

10.45 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the the main stories of the day.

11.30 Weather.

11.35 World Snooker, introduced by David Vine.

12.10 Open University: Weekend Outlook. 12.15 Engineering: Mechanical Properties. 12.40 Sexual Identity. Ends at 1.10.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Miracle in the Rain* (1956) starring Jane Wyman and Van Johnson. Sentimental tale of a plain Jane typist who meets a soldier on leave and invites him back to the home she shares with her mother. Directed by Rudolph Mate.

4.30 Isaura the Slave Girl. Part nine of the Brazilian-made soap-opera and Isaura's master is still refusing to set her free. Followed by Fantastico. A celebration of the sights and sounds of present-day Brazil.

5.30 Film: Crooks' Tour* (1940) starring Basil Radford, Naunton Wayne and Greta Gynt. Comedy thriller about two true blue Englishmen on a tour of the Middle East just before the beginning of the Second World War, who are mistaken for German agents. Directed by John Baxter.

7.00 Channel Four News includes a review of how Russia's six satellite countries have fared since the end of the Second World War.

7.50 Comment. With his views on a matter of topical importance is Dr David Goode, Greater London Council's senior ecologist. Weather.

8.00 Mirror Image – Heavy Petting' The Scottish five-piece rock band perform eight numbers.

9.00 Pookiesnackenburger in School for Cool. Musical comedy from the six talented buskers.

9.30 Rhino. The third in the repeated series of David Leyland plays stars Deltha McLeod as 15-year-old Angie, the Rhino of the title – an acronym coined by school authorities for those who are habitual truants – Really Here In Name Only. Angie has already made eight court appearances for non-attendance at school but she still returns home after school register. The reason for this is that since her mother died two years ago she has assumed the responsibility of bringing up her brother's three-year-old son whose mother deserted him as a baby. Leyland's play chronicles the events as the authorities move in on Angie once again.

10.55 Orpheus and Eurydice. An exploration of the Orpheus myth as a review to Sunday's screening on this channel of Gluck's opera, Orfeo and Euridice. Tonight's programme is based on an animated film by Lesley Keen in which the figures on a Greek vase are brought to life and is intertwined with a documentary that traces the myth's impact through the ages. (See Choice.)

11.45 Design Matters. Part eight of the series examining the way surroundings affect our lives deals with the criteria people employ when they buy a motorcycle. This programme deals with the design of five of the 400 motorcycles available on the British market (r).

12.15 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 prayer.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 8.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. Roger Cook in a new series of investigations (r).
9.30 The Living World: Mary Rose – a glimpse in time. With Dr Margaret Rule.
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts.
10.30 Morning Story: "Mutatis Mutandis" by Gerry O'Malley. Reader: Alden Grennell.
10.45 An Act of Worship.†
11.00 News; Travel; God in Christ. Bernald Jackson talks to people who have changed their faith and their lives - a Muslim, a Sikh, a Buddhist, and the Bishop of Birmingham.
11.48 A Dorset Childhood. Hilary Townsend recalls some aspects of rural life in the 1930s (2).
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs, with Pattie Coldwell.
12.27 After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales and Joan Sanderson (2).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a feature in which women who have aborted a deformed foetus talk to Moyra Bremner about their sense of loss.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Uncertain Ground, by Ruth Goring. With Frances Jeater as the married woman, with everything going well for her, who suddenly has to face up to a crisis in her life. With James Kerry, Carole Boyd.†
4.00 News; Enquire Within. Neil Landor airs listeners' views.
4.10 Bookshelf. With Hunter Davies (r).
4.40 Story Time: "A Night to Remember" by Walter Lord. (9) We're going to north like Hell. Reader Brian Gear.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1985. General knowledge contest. First Round: South (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? With John Timpson.
7.40 Screen For Help. Richard Attenborough and David Hare are among those voicing their opinions on the state of the British film industry. (See Choice.)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine of interest to disabled listeners.
9.30 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Old Times at the Haymarket, and the film UTU.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'A Moveable Feast' by Ernest Hemmingway. (7) Zelda Fitzgerald. Reader: David Buck. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, incl. 11.00 Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33am Shipping.
VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Groundswell (new series). 11.30-12.00am Open University: The Manpower Services Commission.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Gabrieli's Sonata pian' e forte (Philip Jones Brass Ensemble); CPE Bach's Sinfonia in A Wq 182 No 4 (English Concert/Pinnock); Vaughan Williams's Orpheus with his lute (Tear/Ledger); Dvorak's Terzetto (Smetana Quartet); Vaughan Williams's Tuba Concerto in F minor (Fletcher/LSO) Previn.† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Schumann's Konzertstuck for four horns and orchestra (Clevenger/Oldberg/Howell/Schweikert, and Chicago SO); Stravinsky's Symphony in C (Berlin PO/Karajan); Debussy's Le petit negre, arranged Emerson (Philip Jones Brass Ensemble).†. 9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers: The English Madrigalists. Consort of Musicke under Rooley. Works by Ward, including I have entreated: Come sable night; and Fantasias Nos 4 and 8.†
9.45 From the Kalevala: Phyllis Bryn-Julson (soprano), Scottish National Orchestra (under Gibson): Sibelius's Phojola's Daughter Op 49; Luonnotar, Op 70; Lemminkainen in Tuonela, Op 22 No 3.†
10.35 Finzi and Warlock: Peter Savidge (baritone), with David Owen Norris (piano). Finzi's Childhood among the ferns; Overlooking the river; Channel firing; Amabel; and Warlock's Candlelight.†
10.50 Sheffield Concert: BBC Philharmonic (under Downes) with Miriam Fried (violin). Part one. Schubert's overture Fierabras; Beethoven's Violin Concerto.†
11.50 Six Continents: Ian McDougall with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (r).
12.10 Concert: part two. Copland's Symphony No 3.11.00 News.
1.05 Czech Chamber Music: Musicians of the Royal Exchange play Smetana's Piano Trio in G minor Op 15. Part one. Interval reading at 1.35. At 1.40, Dvorak's Piano Quintet in A Op 81.†
2.15 Berlioz: Romeo and Juliet. The dramatic symphony Op 17, San Francisco SO and Chorus (under de Waart), with Jan de Gaetani (mezzo), Neil Rosenshein (tenor), Michael Devlin (baritone). Part one. Interval reading at 3.20. Part two begins at 3.25.
4.05 Janina Fialkowska: piano recital. Liszt's transcription of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Mozart's Sonata in D K 284; and Chopin's Impromptu in A flat Op 29; and Ballade No 4 in F minor Op 52.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Roy Williamson's selections of music.†
6.30 Bandstand: Blues and Royals (under Major B T Keeling). Gaylor's Royal Visit; George's Western overture; Rimsky-Korsakov's Concerto for Clarinet and Military Band; and Bogisch's Chebucto.†
7.00 Bach on record: Sonatas and partitas for unaccompanied violin. Pablo de Sarasate plays the Prelude (Partita in E); and Heifetz plays the Partita in E, BWV 1006. In mono.
7.30 Amadeus String Quartet: part one. Mozart's String Quartet in B flat K 458; and Britten's String Quartet No 3.†
8.25 The Torrent of Life: a conversation between Richard Cork and Raymond Mason, the sculptor who now lives and works in Paris. He was born in Birmingham, a city he now detests.
8.55 Amadeus Quartet: part two. Schubert's String Quartet in D minor D 810 (Death and the Maiden).†
9.40 Star Child: Carol Rumens's short story, read by Nigel Anthony.
10.00 Music in Our Time: the 1984 International Rostrum of Composers. Works by Gilberto Cappelli (Isole inquiete). Campana (Nexus, with Roberto Aussel, guitar); Hans Jurgen Von Bose: (Sappho songs with Linda Hirst, mezzo); and Jean Claude Risset (Contours).†
10.55 Cimarosa, Martinu, and Haydn: Scottish Chamber Orchestra (under Leppard). Cimarosa's Concerto in G major for two flutes; Martinu's Sinfonia Concertante for violin, cello, oboe and bassoon; Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante in B flat major for violin, cello, oboe and bassoon, Op 84.†
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown. VHF only: Open University. From 6.35 to 6.55 am.

Radio 2

4.00 am Howard Pearce.† 6.00 Bill Rennells.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05 pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † incl 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton † incl 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only. 8.00 Wally Whyton with country music. The highlight is George Strait in concert. 8.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines (Roy Hudd). 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Includes a profile of Hollywood lyricist Paul Francis Webster. The soundtrack highlights include scenes from A Soldier's Story. Introduced by Nick Jackson. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. (Stereo from midnight).† 1.00 am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition. First round of the knock-out contest.† 3.45-4.00 Harold Rich at the piano.†

Radio 1

6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 into the Music (featuring a session from FM). VHF Radios 1 & 2, 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Those Swinging Years. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 British String Quartets. 10.30 Yes Minister. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 A Letter From England. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Kicking up the Sawdust. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Land of a Thousand Dances. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure s Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 A Letter From England. 5.15 Meridian. 6.00 World News. 6.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Ralph McTell and Friends. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 At Home With . . . 1.45 Book Choice. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 2.30 Sacred Symphonies. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales today. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30-9.00 Week in week out. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. Scotland: 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 11.20-11.45 Rockschool. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. England: 6.35pm-7.00pm Regional news magazine.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Jan & Steve. 7.30-8.30 Streethawk. 11.45 Yellow Rose. 12.40am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Irish R.M. 5.15-5.45 Dreams. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.32-11.00 The Works. 11.40 Return to Vietnam. 12.10am Food, Glorious Food. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Adventurer. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 7.00-7.30 Anything Goes. 12.45am Thursday Topic. Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery. 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Parlour Game. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Putting on the South. 11.30 Return to Vietnam. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for all. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.45 Yellow Rose. 12.40am Postscript, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 QED. 3.30-4.00 Orphans of the Wild. 5.15-5.45 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25-6.35 Police Six. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.45 Festival Folk. 12.10am News, Closedown

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HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.25 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 You're The Boss. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 Return to Vietnam. 12.15am Closedown.

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GRANADA As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Mr and Mrs. 2.00-2.30 Mr Smith. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.45 Great Fights of the Seventies: Ali v Spinks 1978. 12.45am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Love Boat. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Candid Camera. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Report. 11.05 Parents and Teenagers. 11.30 Return to Vietnam. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

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YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Sounds Good. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.45 Jazz. 12.15am Closedown.

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Aircraft at sea aided by SkyHook

From Our Defence Correspondent

A revolutionary new concept, the SkyHook, designed to enable verticle take-off aircraft, such as the Harrier, to operate from much smaller ships than has been practicable until now was revealed yesterday by British Aerospace.

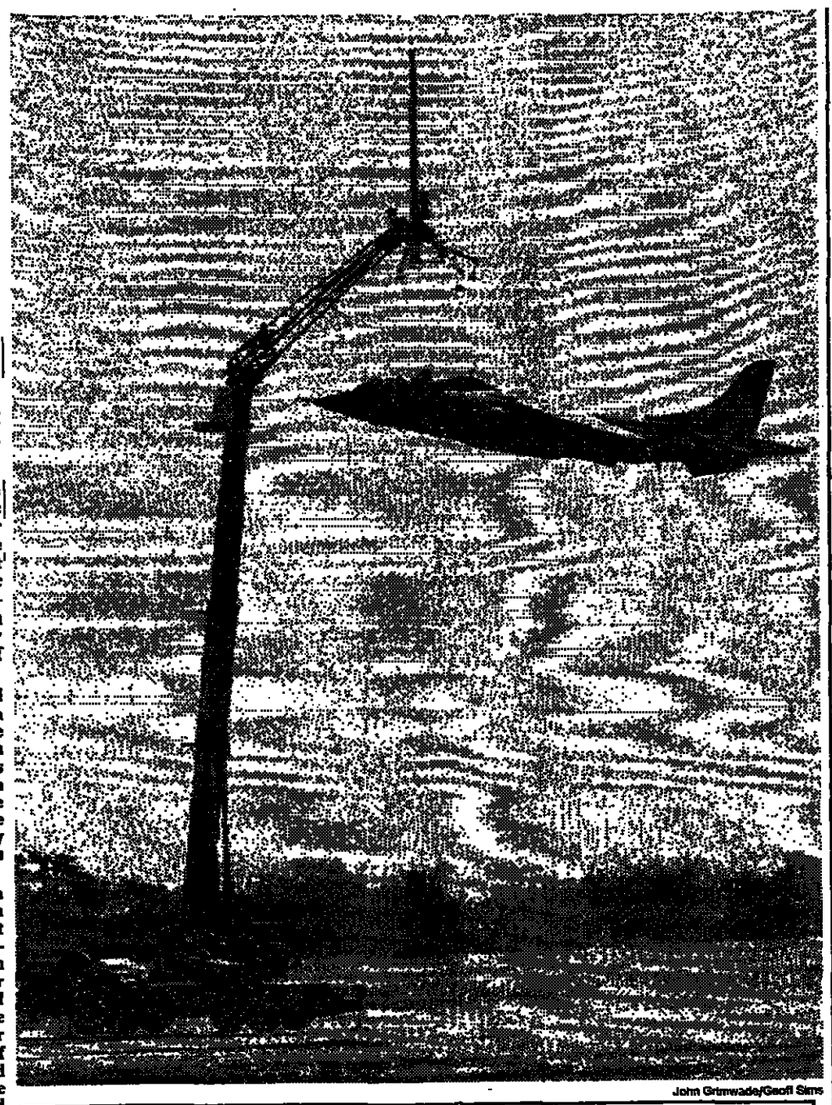
SkyHook is an advanced crane which would be capable of taking hold of a Harrier while it hovered alongside the ship, and would then swing it in-board to position it on the deck. For take-off the procedure would be reversed with the aircraft being swung away from the ship before flying off under its own power.

The hook would have control systems and sensors which would enable it to hold the aircraft in a stable position even though the ship was rolling or pitching. British Aerospace claim that the system would be able to operate in sea conditions which apply for 97 per cent of the time in the north Atlantic.

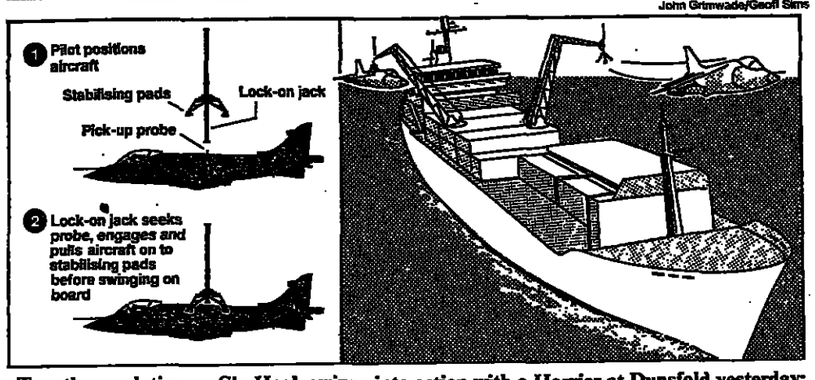
The system might enable a Harrier to operate from a frigate or destroyer which at present carries only a helicopter. The concept has also been developed to enable a Harrier to operate from oil rigs and container ships. An alternative application might be for columns of vehicles made up of one carrying the SkyHook and others carrying supplies to be deployed to provide a forward operating base for Harriers.

Although the SkyHook was originally a British Aerospace concept, it has been developed in conjunction with Dowty Boulton Paul. When it was first put forward about two years ago the Ministry of Defence examind it, but decided not to order it. British Aerospace, however, appear confident of its value and have continued to promote it.

One application which has been developed with British Shipbuilders is for a 5,300-tonne escort carrier which, using the SkyHook it is reckoned would be capable of carrying five Sea Harriers and a helicopter.



John Grimwade/Geoff Sims



Top, the revolutionary SkyHook swings into action with a Harrier at Dunsfold yesterday; *below*, how the SkyHook "captures" an aircraft (Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Business attack on Tory economics

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forced ICT to concentrate more investment abroad. ICI needed to supply the most demanding customers to stay in the top league of chemical industry, and sadly they were seldom to be found in Britain.

Since 1979, ICI sales to UK manufacturing firms had fallen by 11 per cent, while 30 per cent of its home-based customers six years ago were no longer in existence. It was ironic that at a time when ICI had, for example, improved its fibre products, there were not sufficient firms in the UK who could handle them.

In a sideswipe at the absence of a clear Government policy towards exchange rates, he said that he favoured stability "at almost any rate" rather than recent than recent volatility, and supported British membership of the European Monetary System.

Mr Harvey-Jones criticized high energy costs and called for a change in the situation "where so many of our government-affected costs increase disproportionately to the rate of inflation". Rates had increased in real terms and ICI's tax bill was significantly greater than a year ago.

The Government should also check to see the effect its legislation had on industrial competitiveness. "I don't believe Japanese governments would do some of the slightly thoughtless things that seem to happen in this country and which have a significant effect on our ability to compete internationally".

On a wider political front, Mr Harvey-Jones, a supporter of the SDF, called for a bipartisan attitude to industry. He said the present adversarial approach by governments made life for industry more difficult than in almost any other country.

"I don't know anywhere else in the world where every five years I face the possibility of nationalization, and then five years later face the probability of privatization, after I have been nationalized."

Even in France, which had experienced extreme changes in government, there had been a consistent approach to industry "which is totally lacking in this country".

'Politics' stop a Royal ceremony

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invited by the union to take Prince Anne's place, would be *similarly advised not to attend*. The university would not say which of the recipients of the award was the soure of the political embarassment.

Miss Delyth Morgan, president of the students' union, said that her members were "extremely disppointed" that the Princess would not be carrying out the engagement.

"Now, eight days before the event, the union has been notified that advice against the Chancellor's attendance has been given."

The union will discuss the Princess's withdrawal at a special meeting today.

Miss Morgan said that the presence of Mr Livingstone's name among the recipients was unlikely to be the root of the problem; the GLC leader had a formal meeting with the Queen last year, at the opening of the Thames Barrier at Woolwich. Nor was it likely to be the 17 graduates of the university on the union's honours list, none of whom were public figures.

It must therefore, the union had concluded, be Mrs Mandela. "We are surprised that the union's desire to honour Winnie Mandela should cause such concern."

● Princess Margaret has *cancelled an engagement in* Birmingham on May 8, when she was to have been guest of honour at a VE-Day dinner and dance in the Grand Hotel to raise money for the Cancer Research Campaign.

The Princess underwent an exploratory operaton for a chronic lung complaint at the Brompton Hospital, London in January. Since then she has ignored medical advice and has openly resumed her habit of heavy cigarette smoking.

A spokesman for Clarence House said yesterday that the Princess had declined the invitation on medical advice. "*Princess Margaret* has an engagement that morning, and has to return to London for an audience with the Queen on the following day, and her doctors did not think a late night was a good idea. Her other engagements are going ahead as scheduled," the spokesman said.

Letter from Spitzbergen

Bear hunter's guide to North Pole oil

High on a glacier about 800 miles from the North Pole a former polar bear hunter is assisting British Petroleum in the early stages of what may become the most northerly hunt for oil yet undertaken.

British, Russian, Norwegian and other oil companies are showing increasing interest in the prospect of finding oil on the Norwegian islands of Svalbard, of which Spitzbergen is the largest. As a preparatory step, Horizon Exploration of Swanley, in Kent, is testing for BP whether seismic techniques in gaining information about rock structures can be effective through 250 metres of ice.

Spitzbergen offers oil prospectors many problems. Now that the *midnight* sun has arrived, and there will be no darkness until late August, the glacier will start to become unworkable. The thawing snow will expose crevasses in the ice, making it unsafe for men and unteanable for heavy equipment.

Mr Alf Olsen, a grizzled Norweigan, is needed there to provide, among other services, advice and instruction on how to cope with intrusive polar bears. Twenty-five years ago, before the bears were made a protected species, he made a living locating bears and chasing them to the shore where they came within range of the rifles of American sportsmen cruising through the fjords.

Apart, in summer, from a thin surface layer, the ground of Spitzbergen is permanently frozen to a depth of 500ft or more.

There are still doubts about how good the prospects are of finding oil on the islands; the better hopes may lie offshore. But the indications are that there is going to be a substantial increase in the search for oil.

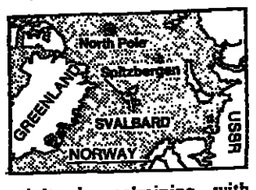
This and other factors will give Svalbard an importance out of all proportion to its tiny population of 4,000, who inhabit an area three times the size of Wales.

Norweigan sovereignty over the islands was recognized by the Svalbard Treaty of 1920, but it also imposed limitations on Norway's freedom of action there. The scope for military activity is severely restricted, and in practice virtually none at all takes place, and Norway is not allowed to discriminate between other countries in mining and other activities.

The attitudes of all the Scandinavian countries are heavily influenced by the porximity of Russian, and this is noteably true on Spitzbergen, where the Norwegian population of about 1,200 is outnumbered more than two to one by Russians.

The Norwegians and Russians live in separate communities several miles apart. The Norwegians maintain contact at official level in order to assert their jurisdiction.

For both communities the only substantial economic activity is coalmining, with Spitzbergen providing Norway's only commercial coalmines. But of far greater importance than the economic aspects of this activity are the political overtones. It is widely believed in Norway that Russia's aim is to gain a shared control of the islands.



This Norway has no intention of permitting, and the presumed Russina ambition, as well as the presence of 3,000 Russian civilians, has made Norway more zealous in maintaining its rights.

Apart from the possibility of finding hydrocarbons, there is another reason for the Norwegians and Russians to attach importance to the islands. That is their strategic location north of the routes by which the huge Russian Northern fleet has to travel to and from its bases near Murmansk.

This strategic significance is likely to grow as Russia increases its submarine activity in the Barents Sea under the Polar ice cap.

Rodney Cowton

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne opens the new Adult Training Centre, 10.45, and visits the Hostel for the Handicapped at Newton Stewart, 11.40, Dumfries and Galloway.

Princess Alice attends a reception at Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey given by the Girls of the Realm, 7.30.

Duke of Gloucester attends a meeting of the International Council on Monuments and Sites', St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, 4; and later attends the Football Association's celebration dinner for Sir Stanley Rous, Royal Garden Hotel, London, W8, 7.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, attends a reception at the Forum Hotel, Kensington, in aid of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrosephalus, 6.30.

Princess Michael of Kent attends BUPA Doctor of the Year lunch, Savoy Hotel, 12.35.

New exhibition

Fantasies in Fabric and Thread by Peggy Seaward: Alpha Gallery of Arts and Crafts, Burton Cottage Farm, East Coker Yeovil; Wed to Sat 10 to 4 (ends May 4).

Exhibitions in progress

Famine in Africa: Mike Goldwater and Chris Steele-Perkins; Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle upon Tyne; *Tues to Fri 11 to 6, Sat* and Sun 11 to 5 (end May 19).

The Holy Grail Tapestries; Gallery 14, Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Sq, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Oct 14).

Work by Frank Brangwyn; Octagon Gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington St, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5 (ends June 16).

The Manchester Academy of Fine Arts 126th exhibition; Gallery of Modern Art, City Art Gallery, Athenaeum, 81 Princess St, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (ends May 11).

The Now of Here: work by John Goto and Paul Enchus; The Old Fire Station Arts Centre; Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends May 4).

Last chance to see

Small bronzes in the classical tradition; Randolph Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St Oxford 10 to 4.

The painter as photographer; Guernsey Museum and Art Gallery, Candie Gardens, St Peter Port, Guernsey 10.30 to 5.30.

Music

Guitar recital by Jon Butcher and Nicholas Mayhew; Bishops Stortford High School, 7.30.

Concert by the Taskin Harpsichord Trio; *King's Hall*, Herne Bay, 7.30.

Concert by the Arioso Quartet; Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 1.

Recital by Joy Hyman (mezzo-soprano and guitar); Bradford Central Library Theatre, 1.

Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Oscar Shumsky (violin); St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; The King's School, Ottery St Mary, 7.30.

Concert by Sundon Park Brass Band; Library Theatre, St George's Sq, Luton, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Festival Theatre, Paignton, 7.30.

Celebration concert by Aquarius with the choir of Badminton School; Armstrong Hall, Thornbury, Avon, 8.

Talks, lectures

European convention on human rights: law and practice by Prof H G Schermers; Department of Law, 50 North Bailey, Durham University, *4.15*.

Stained glass, by Peter Gibson; Marton Hotel and Country Club, Middlesbrough, 8.

General

Flower Festival; Down Parish Church, Downpatrick, co Down, 7 to 9, tomorrow and Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 8.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on foreign affairs.

Lords (3): Further Education Bill, second reading. Motions on police regulations.

Nature books

A Natural History Book Service offering a 24-page quarterly catalogue, mail-order and telephone sales, antiquarian section and crossword competition, has been launched in London. Details from NHBS, Freepost, London SE21 8BR, tel: 01-761 5969.

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

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Fires, by Marguerite Yourcenar, trainsated by Dori Katz and the author (Black Swann, £2.50)

One Thing Leading to Another, by Silvia Townsend Warner (Women's Press, £3.95)

The Aloe, by Katherine Mansfield (Virago, £1.95)

The Wasp Factory, by Iain Banks (Futura, £1.95)

Cruel Tales, by Villiers de L'Isle-Adam, translated by Robert Baldick (Oxford World Classics, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

Among the Russians, by Colin Thubron (Penguin, £3.95)

Scotland, Archaeology and Early History, by Graham And Anna Ritchie (Thames & Hudson, £4.95)

Still Life, Sketches from a Tunbridge Wells Childhood, by Richard Cobb, (Hogarth, £3.95)

The Ancient Economy, by M. I. Finley, (Hogarth, £4.95)

The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs, by John Simpson (Oxford, £2.95) PH

Roads

London and South-east: A23: Outside lanes closed in both directions between Pyecombe traffic lights and the pylons, outside Brighton. A2043: Temporary traffic lights between rush hours on Cheam Common Rd, Worcester Park, fromt the junction with Lindsay Rd to the A24 London Rd; resurfacing. A20: Traffic lights out of order on Sidcup Rd, Sidcup, between the junctions with Perry St and Chislehurst Rd; right turns from A20 banned; diversions are signed.

The Midlands: M6: Inside lane northbound, closed between junctions 5 (Castle Bromwich) and 6 (Gravely Hill). West Midlands. A49: Only one lane with temporary lights at Craven Arms between Ludlow and Church Stretton, Shropshire. A11: Delays along Attleborough bypass with single lane traffic and temporary traffic lights, Norfolk.

Wales and West: M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway and northbound exit, Gloucester; and junction 13 closed. A48: Lanes closed westbound between Cardiff and Bridgend, on Western Ave, Ely, Cardiff; also various temporary lights between St Nicholas and Cowbridge. A55: Roadworks W of Holywell between St Asaph and Holywell; temporary traffic lights and delays.

The north: A49: Temporary lights and diversions on Scotland Rd, Warrington. A560: Brinksway (*Greater Manchester*): An embankment collapse near the junction with Highfield St, Stockport; road closed; diversion.

Scotland: A938: Road closed between Carrbridge and A9 junction; diversion signposted. A87: Roadworks W of Cluanie; temporary lights. A9: Road construction work N of Aberuthven, Perthshire.

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● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the latest "uproar" in the House of Commons on Tuesday, when left-wing Labour MPs tried to prevent Dr David Owen from opening a Commons debate from his usual seat, says that the MPs " were never going to score any serious points" and that Dr Owen "would have done better to ignore such a pathetic protest" instead of attempting "to hijack" the Opposition dispatch box.

Commenting on the same subject, the Daily Mirror says: "As soon as Mr Neil Kinnock restores Labour to popularity, the mob which runs with Mr Dennis Skinner does its worst to win back the party's old unpopularity." The paper adds: "In a few moments a handful of idiots can undo months of hard work by Mr Kinnock and his sensible colleagues.

The Daily Express says that if the GLC do force Chelsea Football Club to remove the electric fence installed to control rioting fans, the club should have no problems in disposing of it. It adds: "After the hooliganism on Labour's terraces in The Commons on Tuesday – which forced the Deputy Speaker to suspend play for 15 minutes – Dr David Owen, for one, knows where a few yards of electrified wire could be put to good use."

Anniversaries

Births: Edward II reigned 1307-27, Caernarvon, 1284; Oliver Cromwell, Huntingdon, 1599; Sir Mark Isambard Brunel, engineer and inventor, Hacqueville, France, 1769; John Keble, Anglican priest, a leader of the Oxford Movement, Fairford, Gloucestershire, 1792; Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, (new style May 7), Votkinsk, Russia, 1840; Guglielmo Marconi, Bologna, Italy, 1874; Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, Nobel laureate 1945, Vienna, 1900.

Deaths: William Cowper, poet, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1800.

Today is Anzac Day, commemorating the landing of the Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli, 1915.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.83	1.84
Austria Sch	27.75	28.35
Belgium Fr	80.00	76.20
Canada $	1.735	1.855
Denmark Kr.	14.28	13.58
Finland Mkk	8.28	7.88
France Fr	12.05	11.50
Germany DM	3.85	3.77
Greece Dr	178.00	168.00
Hong Kong $	10.00	9.40
Ireland Pr	1.275	1.215
Italy Lire	2,520.00	2,400.00
Japan Yen	322.00	306.00
Netherlands Gld	4.45	4.25
Norway Kr	11.45	10.90
Portugal Esc	218.00	209.00
South Africa Rd	2.70	2.40
Spain Pta	217.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.50	10.95
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.13
USA $	1.26	1.22
Yugoslavia Dnr	320.00	300.00

Retail Price Index: 388.1.

Londons The FT Index closed up 2.9 at 982.5.

Weather

A frontal trough over Northern Ireland and N England *will move erratically S across* England and Wales during the day, with a cold N airstream spreading S behind it.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: Bright intervals at first, becoming cloudy with a little rain in places later; wind N or NW moderate; max temp 10C (50F), becoming colder.

E, NW, central N England, N Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, perhaps snow on hills; wind N moderate; max temp 9C (48F), becoming colder.

Channel Islands, SW England: Sunny intervals at first, becoming rather cloudy with perhaps a little rain in places; wind N moderate; max temp 12C (54F), becoming colder.

Lake District, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland: Cloudy with occasional rain, snow on hills, becoming clearer with wintry showers; wind N or NW moderate locally fresh; max temp 8C (46F), becoming colder.

Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Argyll: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers; wind N fresh; max temp 6C (43F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, snow showers, frequent on exposed coasts and hills; wind N strong locally gale; max temp 4C (39F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday. Cloud and rain over England and Wales clearing away tomorrow, followed by sunny periods and wintry showers, heavy in the N; cold with widespread night frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind variable mainly N light; rain at times; visibility good; sea smooth. **English Channel:** Wind variable mainly N light; mainly fair; visibility good; sea smooth. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind mainly NW light or moderate; rain at times; visibility good; sea smooth or slight.

Sun rises: 5.44am Sun sets: 8.14pm

Moon sets: 1.13am Moon rises: 8.13am

First quarter: April 28

Lighting-up time

London 8.44 pm to 5.12 am
Bristol 8.53 pm to 5.22 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5.11 am
Manchester 8.58 pm to 5.15 am
Penzance 9.02 pm to 5.38 am

Yesterday

Temperatures: at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s 11	52	Guernsey	s 8	46
Birmingham	s 9	48	Inverness	s 10	50
Blackpool	s 8	46	Jersey	s 8	46
Bristol	s 9	48	London	s 11	52
Cardiff	s 10	50	Manchester	s 10	50
Edinburgh	s 13	55	Newcastle	s 11	52
Glasgow	s 12	54	Ronaldsway	s 9	48

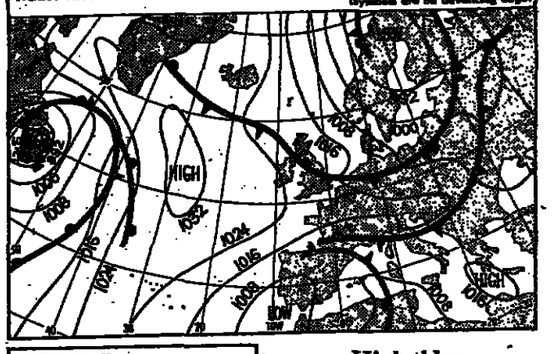
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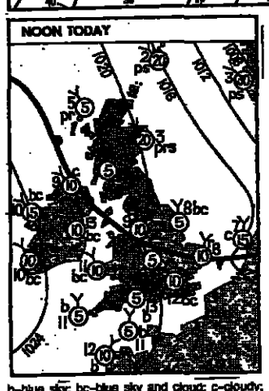
Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 32 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.00in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 12.1. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1023.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: St Andrews16C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick3C (37F); highest rainfall: Lerwick0.14in; highest sunshine: Newcastle13.7hr.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; l–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.31	6.6	5.48	6.8
Aberdeen	4.56	3.6	5.23	3.5
Avonmouth	10.50	11.2	10.56	11.0
Belfast	2.48	3.0	3.08	2.8
Cardiff	10.35	10.4	10.41	10.3
Devonport	9.07	4.7	9.20	4.8
Dover	2.09	6.0	2.35	5.8
Falmouth	8.37	4.5	8.50	4.6
Glasgow	4.23	4.6	4.51	4.3
Harwich	3.21	3.7	3.42	3.6
Holyhead	1.48	5.0	2.13	4.8
Hull	9.53	6.4	10.21	6.3
Ilfracombe	9.33	7.9	9.46	7.9
Leith	6.17	4.7	6.38	4.8
Liverpool	2.37	8.4	3.01	8.2
Lowestoft	1.01	2.1	1.15	2.2
Margate	3.30	4.4	3.47	4.4
Milford Haven	9.51	6.0	10.04	6.0
Newquay	8.43	6.1	8.57	6.1
Oban	9.14	3.3	9.18	3.4
Penzance	8.10	4.7	8.24	4.8
Portland	10.14	1.6	10.25	1.6
Portsmouth	2.56	4.1	3.24	4.0
Shoreham	2.24	5.5	2.50	5.4
Southampton	2.21	4.1	2.48	4.0
Swansea	9.58	8.3	10.10	8.2
Tees	7.21	4.7	7.48	4.6
Weiton-on-Naze	3.15	3.9	3.32	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	10.8	–	12	54	Sunny
Bridlington	12.2	–	12	54	Sunny
Cromer					
Lowestoft	12.2	–	9	48	Sunny
Clacton	12.3	–	9	48	Sunny
Margate	–	–	8	46	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	11.2	–	9	48	Sunny
Hastings	12.1	–	10	50	Sunny
Eastbourne	12.4	–	9	48	Sunny
Brighton	12.6	–	12	54	Sunny
Worthing	12.9	–	11	52	Sunny
Littlehampton	13.0	–	12	54	Sunny
Bognor R	12.8	–	11	52	Sunny
Southsea	12.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Sandown					
Shanklin	10.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Bournemouth	12.7	–	13	55	Sunny
Poole	12.8	–	13	55	Sunny
Swanage	11.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Weymouth	12.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Exmouth	11.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Teignmouth	11.4	–	11	52	Sunny
Torquay	11.9	–	10	50	Sunny
Falmouth	11.4	–	10	50	Sunny
Penzance	11.0	–	12	54	Sunny
Jersey	11.6	–	11	52	Sunny
Guernsey	11.7	–	11	52	Gale
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	7.0	–	10	50	Sunny pm
Newquay	12.0	–	14	57	Sunny
Ilfracombe	10.7	–	10	50	Sunny
Tenby	11.7	–	12	54	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.8	–	10	50	Sunny pm
Southport	12.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Morecambe	11.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Douglas	11.4	–	10	50	Sunny pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Clrl)	12.1	–	14	57	Sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	10.9	–	12	54	Sunny
Bristol (Clrl)	12.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Cardiff (Clrl)	12.6	–	11	52	Sunny
Anglesey	12.8	–	11	52	Sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	13.5	–	9	48	Sunny
Manchester	12.6	–	12	54	Sunny
Nottingham	12.7	–	13	55	Sunny
N'cst-n-Tyne	13.7	–	15	59	Sunny
Carlisle	10.8	–	13	55	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	10.6	–	14	57	Sunny
Prestwick	10.9	–	13	55	Cloudy pm
Glasgow	11.0	–	14	57	Sunny
Tiree	2.5	–	10	50	Cloudy
Stornoway	3.2	.02	11	52	Showers pm.
Lerwick	0.5	.14	3	37	Snow
Wick	–	.13	8	46	Rain
Kinloss	2.2	.02	10	50	Showers pm
Aberdeen	2.7	–	11	52	Cloudy
St. Andrews	10.3	–	18	61	Sunny am
Edinburgh	10.5	–	16	61	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Newquay	10.8	–	12	54	Bright

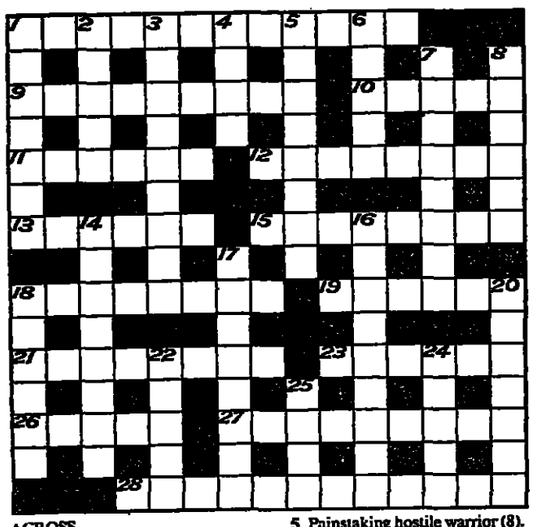
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	F	17	63	Cologne	S	8	46	Majorca	F	19	66	Rome	F	18	64
Alicante	S	21	70	Copenhgn	C	7	45	Malaga	F	17	63	Salzburg	SN	3	37
Alexandria	S	21	70	Corfu	S	20	68	Malta	S	20	68	Sao Paulo*	S	24	75
Algiers	C	19	66	Dublin	S	11	52	Melbourne	S	17	63	S Francisco*	S	18	64
Amsterdam	S	9	48	Dubrovnik	S	17	63	Mexico C*	S	23	73	Santiago*	S	27	81
Athens	S	20	68	Faro	F	16	59	Miami*	S	27	81	Seoul	S	19	66
Bahrain	S	27	81	Florence	C	16	61	Milan	F	16	61	Singapore			
Barbados	S	7	45	Frankfurt	S	7	45	Montreal				Stockholm	F	8	64
Barcelona	F	18	61	Funchal	F	18	64	Moscow	C	20	68	Strasbourg	S	9	48
Beirut	S	22	73	Geneva	C	7	45	Munich	C	3	37	Sydney	R	15	59
Belgrade	F	19	66	Gibraltar	S	17	63	Nairobi*	F	23	73	Tangier	TH	11	52
Berlin	S	8	46	Helsinki	S	7	45	Naples	F	17	63	Tel Aviv	S	29	84
Bermuda*	F	23	73	Hong Kong	S	25	79	New Delhi	S	36	97	Tenerife	C	18	66
Biarritz	S	16	61	Innsbruck	F	4	39	New York*	S	15	59	Tokyo	TH	18	64
Bologne	S	8	46	Istanbul	S	18	64	Nice	S	16	61	Toronto*	S	21	70
Bordeaux	C	12	54	Jiddah	S	29	84	Oslo	F	9	48	Tunis	S	25	77
Brussels	S	8	46	Jo'burg*	S	23	73	Paris	S	10	50	Valencia	F	15	59
Budapest	F	13	55	Karachi	S	34	93	Peking	S	20	68	Vancouver*	F	10	50
Buen Aires*	F	22	72	Las Palmas	C	18	64	Perth	F	23	73	Venice	F	16	61
Cairo	S	34	93	Lisbon	F	13	55	Prague	C	2	36	Vienna	C	6	43
Capet Tn	S	19	66	Locarno	S	18	64	Reykjavik	C	6	43	Warsaw	R	3	37
Casablnca	R	14	57	L Angeles*	S	20	68	Rhodes	S	20	68	Washington*	S	27	81
Chicago*	F	24	75	Luxemburg	S	6	43	Riyadh	F	28	82	Wellington*	S	15	59
Ch'church*	S	16	64	Madrid	S	9	48	Rio de Jan	S	28	73	Zurich	S	6	43

*denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,720



ACROSS

1 A craftsman – though this could turn out to be a trick name (7-5).
9 Sign-writing by me (9).
10 Provision for the old road to Central London (5).
11 Artist in the clutches of a shrew gets the chop perhaps (6).
12 Like the Mikado's billiard balls a novice missed (8).
13 He has finished, or is in a leading position (6).
15 Hamite is a prickly specimen (8).
18 Note on place for vessels to soak (8).
19 A record bill to put before a wool-producer (6).
21 Aid to look-out on the bridge (5-3).
23 Cowboy developing a cough (6).
26 This system perhaps also runs us (5).
27 Varied form of words for redundancy (9).
28 West Country stuff is passable though it has holes in it (7,5).

DOWN

1 Collapse of first-rate horseman (5,2).
2 One of the doggy tribe, maybe (5).
3 Little William's evening wear (5-4).
4 Bit upset – it's a trick! (4).
5 Painstaking hostile warrior (8).
6 Last verse delivered in a golden voice (5).
7 Bugs caught inside are a bit messy (8).
8 Mounted police covered by curious set of orders (6).
14 Close throttle – street takes a 90° turn (8).
16 Account by native no good – the water is stagnant (9).
17 At Headingley, perhaps, the little lad swore (8).
18 Doctor, shipwrecked, inclined to be gloomy (6).
20 A senior officer, yet mistaken for an attendant (7).
22 The sphere of a mother (5).
24 Makers of song sheets, we hear (5).
25 Dance in a kind of circle (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,719

D	E	A	T	H	W	I	S	H	N	A	B	O	B	
E	L	A	R	A	I	L	I		M				I	
M	A	L	A	B	A	R		V	E	N	T	R	A	L
E	Q	U	I	T		E	D	G	E				G	
A	D	A	P	T	U	R	N	T	A	B	L	E		
N		A		A		S	Y		R					
O	R	B	I	T	I	N	G		V	A	S	E		
U	E	S	T		S		I		C					
B	E	A	R		N	U	M	P	U	N	C	H		
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F	I	L	E		S		N	I		B				
D	E	F	L	E	C	T		B	R	O	C	A	D	E
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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Public discussion of unemployment has so far been conducted almost exclusively as a series of Pavlovian reactions on party political lines and in ms of remedies ideologically nfortable to their proponents. I ve no doubt that there are easures that can and should be en now to moderate the high els of unemployment, if only at margin, and – what is of ndamental importance for jobs in longer term – to modernize our ysical and our educational and ining infrastructure.

Until the latter reaches a point it at least matches our competis, we are guaranteed a built-in eriority and have no hope of aining a better place in the world of providing a stable base for re jobs.

Any dogmatism about the nature d level of unemployment in the ger term is premature until much re objective analysis and diss ion have taken place.

What is certain, however, is that less as a country we create more ources, and unless the task of tional wealth creation is seen as one of high priority for the best intellects and talents of the land, we will have the capability neither of creating new jobs nor of cushioning unemployment.

We are a country of paradox. We are a resourceful, inventive, and intelligent nation, excelling in the arts, producing more than our quota of Nobel prize-winners, capable of harnessing a collective will to defeat external aggression.

In British industry, both manufacturing and services, can be found individual examples of excellence which match any in the industrialized world.

Yet in general British industry has performed and is performing worse than its competitors. By every relevant economic and industrial measure – investment, productivity, profitability and standard of living – we now find ourselves virtually at the bottom of the major industrial league, though 40 years ago we were second only to the United States.

These are demonstrable facts. To state them is not to "knock Britain", that foolish phrase of the ostrich-minded, but to challenge the whole of our society to understand the need for change.

We need to accept that industry is the key to a better quality of life for Britain, says Sir Geoffrey Chandler



We are a country in crisis – a crisis of production. Its most immediate and threatening aspect is the prospective peaking and subsequent decline of North Sea oil revenues with nothing to fill the gap.

For a decade or more, exports of services have been losing market share to our competitors: manufacturing exports for much longer. We cannot survive – economically, socially or politically – as a *rentier* nation on profits from portfolio or direct investment overseas.

Lack of competiveness is the core of the problem. This is now widely accepted. But too few recognize how long our relative decline has continued and how complex its causes.

The immediate causes are familiar: inadequacy of design and quality, of marketing, of management and labour practices. But though these defects have been repeatedly analysed and confronted – in dsignated "Years", in specific campaigns, or at tea parties in 10 Downing Street – our performance in general remains to be transformed.

It has become increasingly clear that the supposed causes of our poor performance are in fact symptoms of a deeper cause – of a set of attitudes and an inherited culture which put industrial activity at the bottom of the social pecking order.

For this we are all responsible. We therefore all bear some share of blame for the present level of unemployment, whether as directors, managers, rade unionists, teachers, governments, churchmen or simply parents.

It is the fruit of our failure for many decades to adapt to changing circumstances as well as our competitors, and the outcome of attitudes we have perpetuated by encouraging our most talented students to choose the professions, government or academe, rather than industry.

Our education has been predominantly academic, leaving children ignorant of how the country earns its living, and has failed to develop the talents of maing and designing. The fundamental connection between quality of life and industrial success is not understood.

It is hardly surprising that our industrial performance has reflected the low esteem in which society holds it. We are – and I suspect have always been – an industrial country with an anti-industrial culture, and in this we are unique in the world.

It is these attitudes, increasingly perceived as the root cause of our relative decline, which Industry Year seeks to transform. It constitutes a concerted initiative, involving every sector of the community, to speed the pace of change – through actions, not words – in an endeavour which will need to continue well beyond the end of the 1986.

To change is not a solution in itself and there are many other things that need to be done. But without a change of attitudes there will be no solution for any of our problems: we will be condemned to deal only with symptons and apply palliatives as we have done for so long.

It is a tragedy taht consensus has been so denigrated in recent years. The baby has been thrown out with the bathwater. It is easy to reject consensus if tendentiously defined as muddy compromise or the fudging of issues.

But this rejection has also prevented a common understanding of the problems we confront, obscured recognition of the need for difficult action by all of us, and blunted Britain's remarkable capacity for resilience and adaptiveness when it recognizes and faces real crisis.

The fragility of the economy means that we have little, if any, margin for further experiment. But much of our experimentation is unnecessary. We have enough indigenous examples of success in industry – in quality, design, human relations, links with education – to show us what to do. If we are to multiply these examples we need a collective commitment analogous to that of wartime. This is the magnitude of the task we confront.

Sir Geoffrey Chandler is the director of Industry Year 1986 and former director general of the National Economic Development Office

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- act as a national focus for occupational health and safety activity, develop an increased public awareness of such issues and facilitate broad public debate on them.

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Duties:

The National Commission Chairperson will be Chief Executive of the National Commission and Director of the Office. The Institute will be managed by the Director of the Institute who will be responsible to the Commission Chairperson.

As Chief Executive of the National Commission the Chairperson shall be responsible for:

- the efficient operation and management of the Commission, committees established under the auspices of the Commission, and staff of the Office and Institute;
- implementing the policies of the Commission and the plans and directives of its Executive;
- facilitating liaison between Commonwealth and State Governments, employer and employee representatives;
- performing such duties as assigned to the Chairperson by the Commission or the Executive; and
- reporting periodically to the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on implementation of national standards and regulations and progress towards uniformity.

Qualifications and Experience:

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3. An understanding of the institutional framework within which occupational health, safety and welfare legislation is developed and administered, and the ability to communicate with those involved in that framework.
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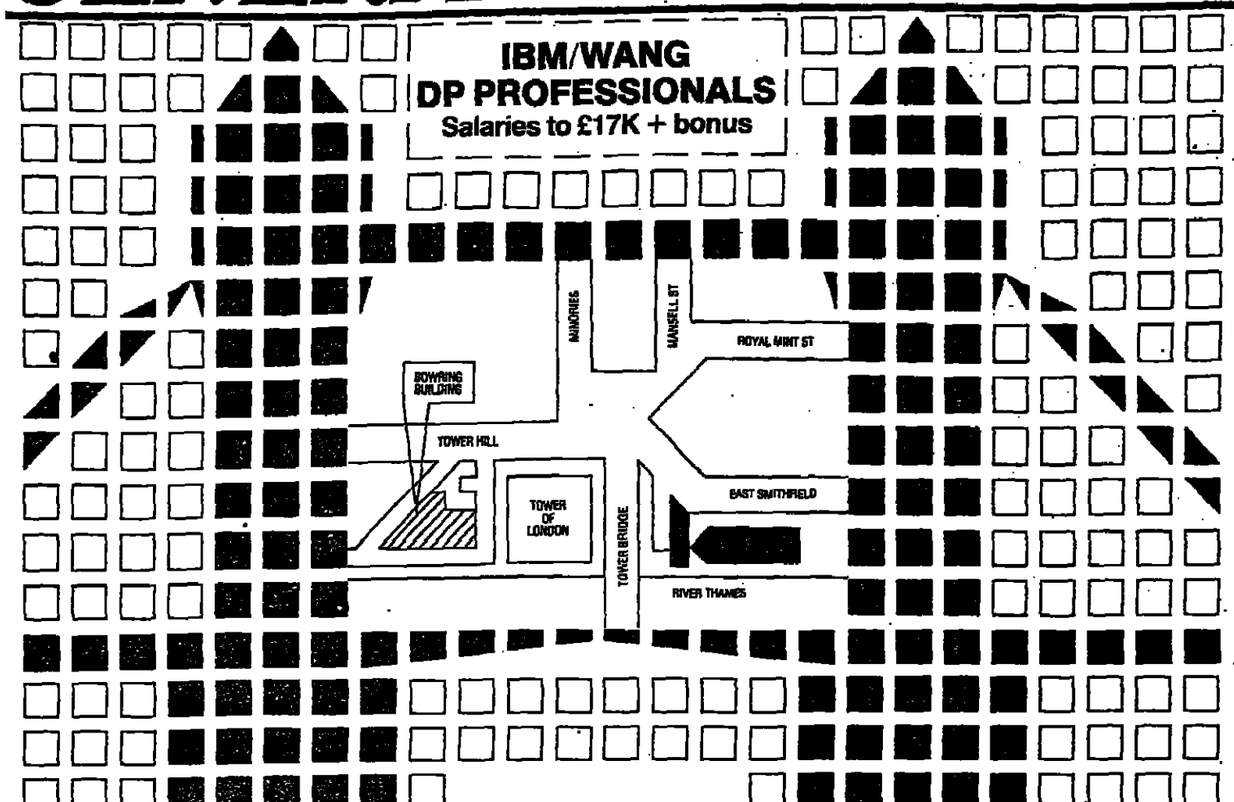
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The Museum

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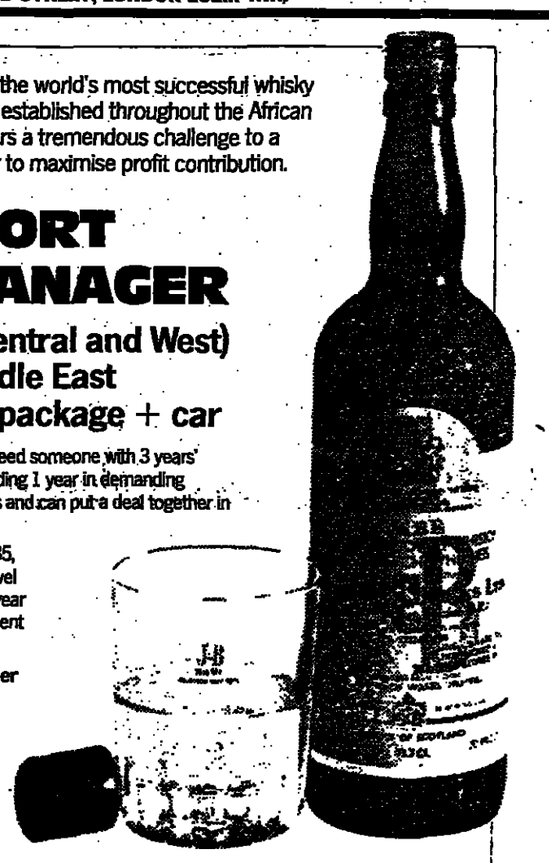
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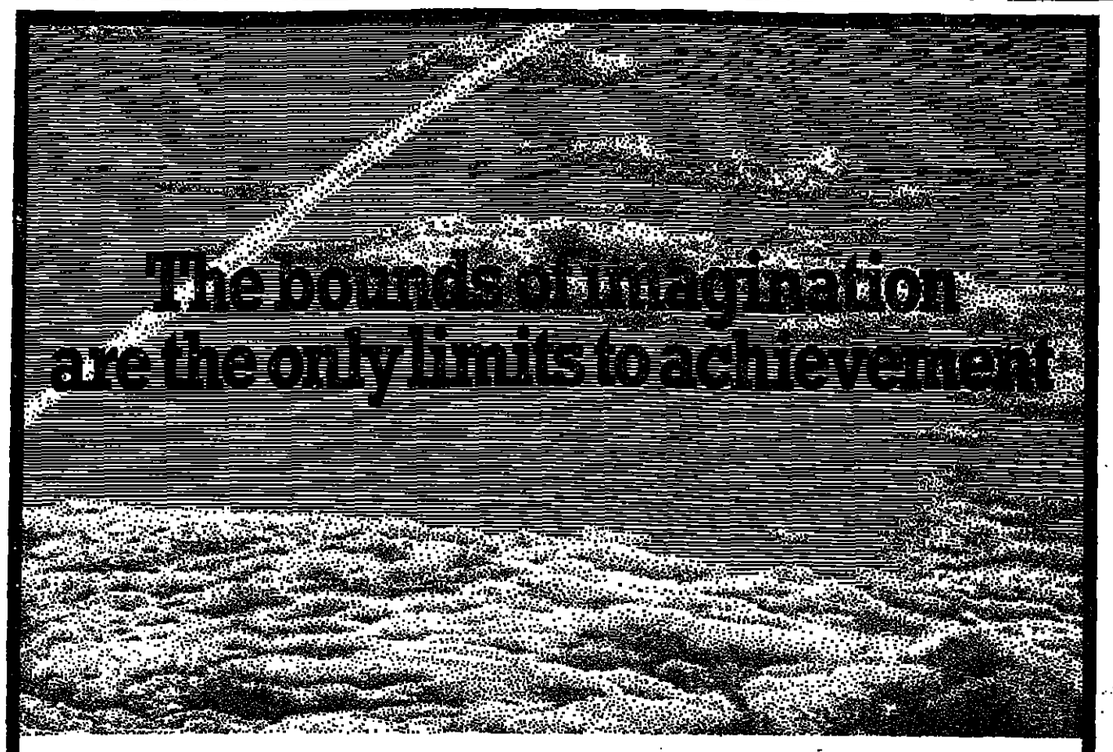
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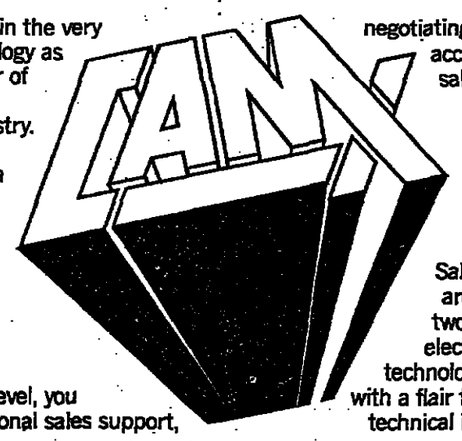
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Application form and further information from Town Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 270 Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ. (Telephone 01-606 3030, Extn: 2422/2423). If you wish to discuss this appointment please contact Ivor Nightingale, extn: 2424.

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Send full cv and photograph to Colin Hodsdon, PER Overseas, 4th Floor, Rex House, 4-12 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PP.

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Send full cv to Bob Edwards, PER, Grove House, Grove Place, Swansea SA1 5DH or telephone him for an application form on (0792) 43481.

Sales Engineer

Interconnection Components

£13,500 + 2.0 litre car — East Anglia

Mektron Circuit Systems Limited, a subsidiary of the Rogers Corporation, manufacture and market a range of interconnection components for the professional electronics industry. The company has shown a steady growth pattern since it was established ten years ago. This continuing trend has created opportunities for an additional Sales Engineer, capable of servicing existing accounts and contributing to the company's expansion by developing the above area to its fullest potential. Selling these products requires the Sales Engineer to act in an advisory capacity to help the customer optimise designs. Applicants should be educated to degree standard and have proven sales ability in the electronics industry. The post will be home-based and will cover London North of the Thames and East Anglia. The company offers an attractive salary, negotiable from £13,500, plus company pension scheme, 2.0 litre car and usual fringe benefits.

Write with full cv to Mektron Circuit Systems Limited, 119 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7SU.

Sales Engineer

Basic + comm + car — S England/S Wales

Part of a major group and specialising in powder handling equipment and process plant, Kemutec incorporates the "household name" expertise of KEK fine grinding and classifying equipment, gardners mixing and blending equipment and mucon valves and other controls. To cover the above territory, the company is looking for an enthusiastic person - ideally with a food, pharmaceutical or chemical engineering background with proven sales experience or a genuine desire to move into technical selling. If you have relevant technical expertise allied to confidence, personality and commitment - Kemutec offers full sales and product training plus a high basic, commission, car and other benefits.

Send full cv to Cheryl Thomas, PER, Lowry House, Marble Street, Manchester M2 3AW.

Area Sales Manager

Negotiable salary + car — Africa/Middle East

My client, a leading engineering company, part of a large multi-national, is currently seeking an Area Sales Manager for Africa and the Middle East. Based in Hertfordshire, a large part of your time will be spent visiting your designated area, developing both the market and the company's distribution network. Selling mainly through distributors, there is a large market potential in the area, a knowledge of which is essential. Applications are invited from candidates aged 30-45, with proven sales experience and an engineering background, preferably within the fluid handling industry. Benefits include a competitive negotiable salary, car and bonus, together with usual large company benefits.

Send full cv to Jill Warner, PER, 14-16 Chapel Street, Luton, Beds LU1 2SU.

Software Design Engineer

Winchester

Dickinson Engineering Limited is a progressive and successful company supplying process machinery worldwide. The electrical division provides a complete service for the design, manufacture and installation of programmable control systems. We now require a Software Design Engineer to enhance this service. The job will involve software for management information and data logging systems, including the interfacing of peripherals such as card readers, bar code readers/printers to mini-computers, micro-computers and PLCs. Ideally, you should be qualified to HNC level minimum with at least two years' experience of languages such as C, Forth, Pascal, Assembler. Experience of OS9 and PLCs would also be advantageous. A five figure salary will be offered to the right candidate, with relocation assistance where appropriate.

Please apply to Mr. Bob Mitchell, Electronics Division Director, W H Dickinson Engineering Ltd, Mooreside Road, Winchester, Hants. Tel (0962) 54962.

Orthopaedic Sales — UK and Africa

OEC Orthopaedic is an expanding and diversifying market leader in the orthopaedic instrument/implant supply industry. It now seeks ambitious applicants for the following:-

Export Area Manager — Africa

To develop markets and resources among the continent's many distributors and discover new agents/distributors as necessary. French/Portuguese an advantage.

Home Area Manager — NE England

To contact orthopaedic surgeons and other users of products within the public and private sectors and to expand the company's presence in the market.

Applicants will be 25-35, with a scientific educational background and at least two years' experience in sales, preferably of a related product. High commission earnings are offered for the home post. Abroad, the salary will be £10,000+ commission.

Write to Margaret Gripton, PER, Third Floor, Grove House, Grove Place, Swansea SA1 5DH or telephone (0792) 43481.

Electronics Development Engineer

Competitive salary — SW London

Are you an electronics enthusiast with one or two years' development experience since your degree or HNC? Then your contribution to the conception, design and manufacture of new consumer products could open the gates to a rewarding career. Smith Meters is a Streatham-based light engineering company, employing 900 people, with an international reputation for technical excellence. The company is now diversifying its activities to include high-volume electronic products from conception through to manufacture. If the progression of your career in parallel with the development of new products stimulates your enthusiasm, and a competitive salary with five weeks' holiday and the range of benefits expected of a major company (including relocation assistance where necessary) attracts your interest,

Send full cv or telephone for an application form to Mr J Hewitt, Smith Meters Limited, 170 Rowan Road, Streatham Vale, London SW16 5JE. Telephone: (01) 764 5811.

Sales Director

c£20,000 + bonus + car — Home and Export

To play a major role as member of the Board as a manager and as a salesperson in the further growth of this profitable £10 million turnover engineering company, member of an international group. The product development record is excellent and well over 50% of turnover comes from exports. The appointment carries responsibility for direct and distributor sales achievement in home and export markets, for the efficient management of selling and marketing and for contributing profitably to business policy. Candidates must be experienced and successful in selling to and managing major industrial accounts where a combination of correct technical specification and sound commercial judgement are key factors for success. A knowledge of machine tool applications is desirable, a qualification at degree level and an additional European language will also be an advantage. The appointment is based in Yorkshire and offers a commencing salary and bonus c£20,000 with car and good fringe benefits. Generous relocation assistance.

Send full cv to Richard Norbury, PER, Pennine House, Russell Street, Leeds LS1 5UF.

Works Director

c£16,000 + car — Hampshire

Part of a successful group, the company is the market leader in the manufacture of packaging components. Reporting to the Managing Director, you will take specific responsibility for over 150 staff involved in production activities, materials management, despatch and plant maintenance. The company's outstanding customer service record is reflected by the importance it places on ensuring that production quality, volumes and timings are matched to customer requirements. Consequently it is essential that you are a confident and energetic staff manager, with the ability to influence those around you. Qualified to HNC or above, it is important that your shop floor engineering management expertise is supplemented by experience of plastic injection moulding, ideally in a mass production environment. This exceptional opportunity, offers scope for future personal development in a stimulating environment.

Phone/write for job specification to Colin Welch, PER, 62-64 High Street, Southampton SO9 2EG. Tel: (0703) 38211.

Sales Management

Packaging

Five figure salaries + cars — North West

A major flexible packaging converting company based in the North West needs to strengthen its sales organisation at senior level.

Sales Manager - Designate

To take full responsibility for the control, training and results of the UK sales force from 1986 onwards when the present incumbent retires. Also personally responsible for all export business. Aged 35/45, you must have a sales management background in flexible packaging conversion with proven experience of negotiating at top-level. Degree preferred but experience and ability more important. Salary c£15,000.

Territory Manager

Reporting to the above and responsible for the management and sales achievements of the key North West territory. Aged 30/40, you must have proven sales experience involving flexible packaging converting with the ability to control and develop a major territory. Salary c£11,000.

Both jobs carry BUPA, car and other benefits. Excellent prospects with a very progressive company.

Contact Pam James, PER, Victoria House, Ormskirk Road, Preston PR1 2DX. Tel: (0772) 59743.

Contracts Manager

Aerospace

Attractive salary — Somerset

Normalair-Garrett Limited is a major supplier of control systems and components for the aerospace industry and also for an increasing number of applications in the marine, defence, energy and other specialised engineering applications. Substantial growth in the order book, coupled with increasing sophistication in contractual requirements, has led to the need to appoint an additional Contracts Manager. The Contracts Manager will personally negotiate prices, delivery and terms and conditions with major non-MOD customers. The function will embrace the preparation of quotations, and control of order acceptance, processing and progress, through to credit control. The successful applicant will be a self-starter capable of handling several contracts simultaneously on a wide variety of aircraft programmes in the US, Europe and other countries engaged in the production of both military and civil aircraft. Candidates, ideally aged 35-45, should have previous experience of contracts management, buying or selling within the aircraft industry, with the ability to negotiate in a highly competitive environment.

Please write with full career details to the Personnel Department, Normalair-Garrett Ltd, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2YD. Tel: Yeovil (0935) 75181 ext. 3361 or 3195.

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Career Opportunities

Attractive salaries — East Midlands

An expanding high-tech company with a prime role in a major national project has career opportunities at all levels for the right people. Immediate requirements include:-

Electrical/Electronic Engineers

To join an expanding department involved in the research, design and development of control, instrumentation and protection systems. A good appropriate degree is required together with experience of, or an interest in, the following: C and I systems, design, computer networks and software methods.

Programmer/Analysts

To design and develop computer systems and programs in support of multi-discipline project teams of engineers and scientists. Computing facilities include Sperry, DEC, HP and Modcomp equipment programmed in Fortran, Pascal and Basic. Applicants should hold a good degree in computing science, general science or engineering with some previous programming experience.

The attractive package includes relocation to a desirable low-cost housing area and pleasant working environment. Starting salaries will be at a level commensurate with experience and capability within the following scales:

Scale 1: £8,559 - £12,801
Scale 2: £10,666 - £14,962
Scale 3: £13,450 - £17,650

Send full cv to Carole Tansley, PER, Lambert House East, Clarendon Street, Nottingham NG1 5NS.

Sales Representatives

Competitive salary + commission + car

An expanding subsidiary of a large multi-national organisation, who are market leaders in UPVC windows fabricated to customer requirements, seeks experienced salespersons to develop established territories (Central and Northern England and Northern Ireland) by promoting the product to specifiers and new market areas including major contractors and developers. Applicants should be self-reliant and resourceful with varied experience in the building/construction industry.

Write or phone David Slingo, Personnel Manager, Blacknell Buildings Ltd, 25 Westmead, Farnborough, Hants. Tel: Farnborough 544333.

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Control and Instrumentation Engineers

To £10,880 (under review) — Cheshire

UKAEA, one of the foremost research and development organisations in the world in the field of industrial nuclear power, now requires professional Engineers to design measurement and control systems for nuclear power and chemical process plant. This involves the application of advanced technology methods in the use of analogue and digital equipment for the control of plant systems. Applicants must have an honours degree in engineering or physics and/or corporate membership of a senior professional institution. Professional design experience would be an advantage but is not essential. Salary scale £7,405 - £10,880, depending on experience.

Phone Linsey Street, PER Warrington, on (0925) 52153 for an application form.

Technical Sales Specialists

Anti-Corrosion

Excellent tax-free salary — Saudi Arabia

A proven track record in selling anti-corrosion products combined with qualifications and an interest in earning good money by achieving sales targets, will attract the interest of this well-known Saudi company. Reporting to the owner and responsible for developing a specific product range (American) throughout the country you will liaise with high level engineers in Aramco/Bechtel etc. Travel will be involved. Product training in America is likely. In return the company offers a negotiable salary (tax free) plus commission and bonus, free accommodation, car and UK leave. An initial two-year contract is envisaged. Good prospects.

Send full cv, passport photo, copies of qualifications to Richard Williams, PER Overseas, 4th Floor, Rex House, 4-12 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PP.

Senior Electronics Engineer

£15,000 + — Southern England

A leading international company now has a vacancy for a Senior Electronics Engineer. They are looking for a minimum BSc in electrical/electronics engineering. An essential requirement is experience of microprocessor architecture and detail circuit design preferably in avionics applications.

Send full cv to Steve Cope, PER, 62-64 High Street, Southampton SO9 2EG.

Materials Manager

Five figure salary + car — South Coast

This is a challenging opportunity for someone who has the ability to control and in particular motivate established buying office personnel. Also required of the successful candidate will be the following * familiarity with a fully computerised materials control operation with the ability to both understand and develop improved MRP systems * an ability to propose, develop and implement improved stock policies including the full use of ABC techniques * experience of all aspects of purchasing of electronic and electromechanical components * an ability to review and develop routine buying office procedures and * experience of PPI operation. An attractive remuneration package is offered including company car, contributory pension scheme, free life assurance etc. Relocation assistance is available where appropriate.

Send full cv to Bernadette Carr, PER, 62-64 High Street, Southampton SO9 2EG, attaching a list of companies to whom your application should not be forwarded.

Technical Representative

Five figure salary + car — South West Wales

This is an extremely rare opportunity to develop your career and inject a breath of fresh air into your lifestyle by coming to work and live in an area notable for its outstanding natural beauty and its concentration of established and potential clients. As part of their continued expansion, the process division of a major international group need to recruit a person to service the petro-chemical and refining industries. Working from home your role would be to maintain existing business, develop and expand the sale and use of their range of speciality processed chemicals. We anticipate that you will probably be in the age group 25-35, be qualified to a minimum of HNC level in chemistry or a related discipline and have already gained some experience in a technical sales environment. Specific product training will be given directed from their technical HQ in America. Some knowledge of the process chemical industry would be an advantage. The rewards for your expertise and commitment include an extremely attractive negotiable salary, company car and the usual benefit package associated with a large multinational organisation.

To apply, write with full cv, giving an indication of salary requirements, to Bob Edwards, PER, Grove House, Grove Place, Swansea SA1 5DH. Tel: (0792) 43481.

Works Manager - Plastics

Attractive salary — Nottinghamshire

Part of the packaging division of Robinsons of Chesterfield, Robinson-White Plastics Ltd produces a wide range of injection and injection blow moulded packaging in modern premises in Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Recent profitable expansion has created the need for an experienced Works Manager able to operate cost effectively with a union-represented workforce of around 100 involved in moulding, decorating and assembly over three shifts. You will need relevant experience in the plastics or a similar industry with proven staff-management skills, knowledge of current employment legislation and a high degree of commitment and self-motivation. Salary and benefits will fully reflect the importance of the position and generous relocation assistance is available. There are sound prospects for further career developments.

Send full cv to Paul Cox, Director/General Manager, Robinson-White Plastics Ltd, Low Moor Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7LA.

Factory Manager

OTC Medicines

Rusco Pharmaceuticals is a major supplier of OTC medicines to chemist wholesalers. At Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, the company manufactures medicinal liquids, creams and ointments and also packages an extensive range of tablets and powders. As the Senior Manager on-site, responsibility is for the entire factory and warehousing operation (excluding quality control) entailing all aspects of production, engineering, warehousing and administration including management of some 120 staff on both days and twilight shift. The position reports to the Director of Production and also includes site responsibility for production planning, budgeting, stock control etc. The person appointed will have had at least five years' experience in pharmaceutical manufacture including a minimum of two years' in production management, coupled with a relevant qualification at degree level. An ability to demonstrate sound organisational abilities and communication skills as well as a maturity of approach is required. It is unlikely therefore that the person appointed will be under 28 years of age. A salary to match the importance we place on the post is supported by a range of benefits which includes a company car.

Please send a comprehensive cv or telephone for an application form to John Hughes, Personnel Manager, Rusco Pharmaceuticals, 45 Station Approach, West Byfleet, Surrey. Telephone Byfleet 41133 ext 129.

RUSCO PHARMACEUTICALS

Project Engineer

Competitive salary — Hereford

Located in Hereford, Wiggin Alloys Limited is part of the world's largest nickel alloy producing company supplying a large range of alloys and forms to OEM's. From our integrated manufacturing facility we produce sheet, strip, bar, wire, tube and forged forms utilising most metal working techniques and up-to-date processes. We are seeking an Engineer who can make an immediate contribution to our project engineering team to support a multi-million pound capital investment programme over the coming years, principally for the production of high technology alloys for the aerospace industry. Suitable applicants will be graduates or equivalent, or corporate members of the IEE or I Mech E with a broad engineering background, have the ability to gain the willing co-operation of people at all levels, and preferably experience in the metal manufacturing industry. A competitive salary is offered together with an attractive benefits package including free pension and life cover plan and private medical care. Assistance will be given with relocation expenses.

Send full cv to Austen Allbrow, Personnel Officer, Wiggin Alloys Limited, Holmer Road, Hereford HR4 9SL for an application form enclosing career details.

Area Sales Manager

Air Conditioning

SE England

A vacancy exists in our Rickmansworth office. Applicants must be self-motivated and conversant in close control air conditioning, computer rooms, clean rooms and associated environmental services. In addition to the design and preparation of tenders, candidates must be able to deal with architects, consultants, specifying authorities and end users. Excellent working conditions are offered including a negotiable salary, company car, non-contributory pension/life assurance and assistance with relocation in approved cases.

Applicants are invited to submit a brief cv in the first instance to Mr DB Chambers, Personnel Manager, Denco Ltd, PO Box 11, Holmer Road, Hereford HR4 9SJ.

Principal Control Engineer

£18,000 — Southern England

Owing to continued success and expansion, this internationally renowned organisation, at the forefront of its hi-tech field, now seeks a Principal Control Engineer. They require a minimum BSc qualification (preferably MSc) in control engineering. You should have relevant experience in modern control theory. Experience in avionics attitude control would be a decided asset.

Send full cv to Steve Cope, PER, 62-64 High Street, Southampton SO9 2EG.

Senior Instrument Engineer

c£16,000 — Aberdeen

An established multi-discipline design consultancy, serving the offshore oil industry, wishes to recruit an experienced Senior Instrument Engineer for work on a wide range of instrumentation design modification packages associated with offshore process plant. Candidates should be qualified to HNC or degree level and have a minimum of five years' design experience covering electronic, microprocessor and pneumatic instrumentation applied to process instrumentation in the oil/petrochemical industries. This position offers excellent career prospects. Removal assistance is offered where appropriate. Vacancies also exist at Instrument Engineer grade.

Phone or write to Jim Davies, PER, 181 Union Street, Aberdeen AB9 1BH. (0224) 574393.

Export Sales Manager

Five-figure salary + car — Leeds based

Britain's leading manufacturer of packaged air conditioning equipment, Airedale International is rapidly developing worldwide markets and now needs a Sales Manager to develop the South East Asian market. Based in Leeds you'll market the Airedale range through agents/distributors and direct to industry, commerce etc. Ideally 35/45, you must have proven export sales experience involving air conditioning equipment. Excellent rewards and prospects. Relocation assistance.

Phone Selwyn Jones, PER Leeds, on (0532) 445131 for an application form.

AIREDALE INTERNATIONAL AIR CONDITIONING

Works Manager Designate

Attractive five figure salary — Dartford, Kent

My client, subcontract precision engineers, provide a service to defence, aerospace, nuclear engineering and commercial automotive pump manufacturers. The successful candidate will strengthen the management team and assume responsibility for the daily functioning of the toolmaking, tool and cutting and NC divisions, and ensure that a first-class service to customers is maintained. This position requires a 'hands-on' Manager aged 35-50, with a precision engineering apprenticeship from a machining/toolroom background. Good organisational/administration skills and staff-management experience are essential. Experience of NC manufacturing and customer liaison will be useful. Additional benefits and relocation will be considered.

Send full cv to Barbara Hunter, PER, 5 London Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8HR.

Air Filtration

Attractive negotiable salaries — Birmingham

Manufacturing air filters and systems for industrial and commercial applications, Farr Europe - part of a major US group - needs the following to become involved in exciting expansion plans.

Export Sales Executive

To support and develop the European distributor/dealer network. Three-four months pa overseas. Knowledge of European languages. Proven sales record plus relevant technical experience, self-motivation and commercial flair.

HVAC Engineer

Qualified HVAC Engineer to develop contacts with consultants/specifiers and assist in servicing OEMs. Probably over 30 with technical flair allied to commercial acumen.

Excellent rewards and prospects with fast-growing market leader.

Send full cv to Liz Brassington, PER, 150 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6TB.

FARR EUROPE

Design Engineers

Attractive salary — Bedford

Eaton Ltd designs and manufactures industrial control components under the Cutler Hammer brand name. Significant product changes have required expansion in our design team. You will be involved in original design/design maintenance of contractors, switches, push buttons and overhead relays. You should be suitably qualified, with an electrical engineering bias. Ideally with experience in design/project engineering in industrial controls. Benefits include an attractive salary, pension/life assurance schemes and five weeks' holiday. Relocation assistance is available.

Please telephone or write to Rupert Brice, Eaton Ltd, Industrial Controls Division, Elstow Road, Bedford MK42 9LH. Tel: Bedford (0234) 67433 ext 386.

Energy Management

Attractive package + car — Various locations

A leading consultancy providing comprehensive services to UK and overseas industry, commerce and local government, we continue to expand to meet increasing demand for effective energy and facilities management. We need high-calibre Engineers in the London, Birmingham and Manchester areas to provide an effective energy strategy tailor-made to customer requirements and to undertake computerised monitoring, targeting and control of energy resources. Minimum HND level in an appropriate discipline, you should have at least five years' experience in energy utilisation - ideally with knowledge of computer applications. Excellent rewards and prospects with a successful organisation.

Send full cv to Mr J Alexander, FEC Consultants, Wellington House, Queens Road, Oldham OL8 2BA.

Sales Executives

c£8,000-£12,000 + commission + car

Business Computer Solutions Limited, a newly-formed subsidiary of a well-established UK company, supply leading micro-computer systems, peripherals and software applications to the end-user market. Demand for these systems has created opportunities for additional sales professionals to sell to both corporate and individual customers. Ideally, you should have several years' experience selling computers or related products. Knowledge of automatic identification equipment and IBM 3270 series would be advantageous. In return, we would expect your basic salary plus commission to be well in excess of £18,000pa.

Please apply in writing to Personnel Manager, Business Computer Solutions Limited, Lenten House, 20 Lenten Street, Alton, Hants GU34 1HQ.

Production Manager

Thames Valley

Nicholas Laboratories, a leading manufacturer of pharmaceuticals, toiletries and cosmetics, have an opportunity for an experienced Production Manager. You will take complete responsibility for the processing and packaging of all pharmaceutical tablet and powder products, deploying production staff to ensure that quality standards and production targets are met. Aged 25-35, preferably with a degree in chemistry or pharmacy, you should have a proven track record in pharmaceuticals or an allied industry and the ability to manage and motivate staff. An attractive remuneration package, including relocation assistance where applicable, will be offered.

Please write with cv to Andy Harrop, Senior Personnel Officer, Nicholas Laboratories Ltd, 225 Bath Road, Slough SL1 4AU, quoting reference DT/48S.

Nicholas — Pharmaceuticals, Toiletries, Hospital Supplies.

Financial Accountant

Competitive salary — Suffolk/Cambs border

Kirby-Warrick Pharmaceuticals Ltd, a subsidiary of the Schearing Corporation, USA, distribute premier ethical and OTC pharmaceuticals. Reporting direct to the Financial Controller you will supervise the finance department, prepare and submit company and statutory accounts, using computerised systems, interact with all departments and be involved in business projects. To apply for this challenging career opportunity which offers relocation assistance:

Send full cv to Michael Platten, PER, Norfolk Tower, Surrey Street, Norwich NR1 3PA.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Experts

From £24,000 — Saudi Arabia

This Saudi Arabian engineering consultancy company has won a prestigious building contract from the Royal Commission. Two BSc qualified technical experts are required to represent the company on-site, taking control of all design changes, installations, and client liaison. Both appointments demand ten+ years' experience in electrical building services or HVAC in the Middle East. Single or married status contract. Tax-free negotiable salary. Attractive benefits.

Phone Aubrey Magill, PER Overseas, on (01) 930 6573 immediately.

Development Manager

Negotiable five figure salary + car — Swansea

Aluminium Wire and Cable Company is an associate of three major British companies, involved in the manufacture of power cables for UK and overseas markets.

We are now seeking to consolidate our success and significantly increase profitability through the addition of new products and improvements in process and technology.

We therefore need to recruit a Development Manager capable of making a significant contribution in these key areas.

Reporting directly to the Manufacturing/Technical Director your main responsibilities will include development of the product range and the optimisation of processing plant and methods, with the emphasis on a practical commonsense approach.

To succeed you will need to be innovative and have the ability to motivate and maintain a positive interdepartmental liaison. We anticipate that you will have achieved a degree level qualification in a technical or engineering discipline, allied to a minimum of five years' experience of manufacturing and R & D gained in the cable and wire industry. The rewards for your expertise and commitment include an attractive salary, company car, pension, health and group education schemes. Assistance with relocation expenses is available.

Please contact Graeme Leith, Personnel Manager, on (0792) 52251 or send full career details, indicating salary requirement, to him at AWCO Limited, Port Tennant, Swansea SA1 8PS.

AWCO

Production Manager

£11,000-£14,000 — Cambridge

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The Times guide to career development

From banking to blackboard

Edward Fennell on changing careers – the first in a series of three articles

The teaching profession, demoralized and insecure as it is reputed to be, would not be everyone's idea of a natural alternative to banking. Yet that was the choice made by Graham Simmonds when he decided to leave the National Westminster graduate training scheme last year.

"Frankly I think I was recruited by the bank on false pretences", complains Graham, who has a degree in management studies from Aston University.

"Their publicity stressed the importance of initiative, imagination and qualities of management and leadership. But I found myself just a cog in the administrative machine working under disillusioned branch managers who weren't in the least interested in my ideas."

The process by which Graham decided to switch to teaching was long and carefully considered. Indeed, when he first faced up to his disillusionment with banking the thought of life in the classroom would have been the last thing to occur to him.

He said: "I had enjoyed my management studies at university and was particularly interested in areas such as marketing and personnel.

"I went into banking because I thought – or was led to believe – that I could combine commercial work with contact with customers by providing financial advice. How wrong I was!"

'It was glaringly obvious that this was right'

Graham's problem seems to have stemmed from NatWest's decision to expand considerably its graduate recruitment programme to accommodate a projected shortfall in managerial level staff in the 1990s.

Even such an experienced employer as NatWest can face difficulties in absorbing such a large number all at once. New graduates are notoriously difficult to handle, especially when they are entering a culture which is routine and humdrum.

The energetic, questioning attitudes of the 22-year-old do not fit in easily with sleepy branch banking, in which staff do things by the book and do not welcome challenges to their routine methods.

Indeed, the NatWest agrees that there is a need to provide graduates with more responsibility, more quickly.

"We have recently reviewed our graduate training programme to provide a greater challenge", said the bank's spokesman. "The more able recruits can now reach management positions before the age of 30."

However, that was not going to be fast enough for Graham.

"I became deeply frustrated at work and then miserable at home afterwards", confessed Graham. "Obviously there were some financial perks in being a bank employee and I tried to focus on these and enjoy the evenings and weekends.

"But it was no good. By the end of my second year I was completely fed-up."

Perhaps the natural progression for Graham would have been into accountancy, marketing or personnel. He considered all of them seriously. They all had some appeal but having made a mistake the first time round he did not wish to repeat his error.

He had to be completely sure. And the more he thought about them the less convinced he became.

He said: "I seemed to be stuck. I was unhappy in what I was doing but couldn't imagine what else I might enjoy.

"Then my wife suggested I go back to basics. So I got hold of a general careers guidance book and went through a straightforward questionnaire-grid in which I wrote down my strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes.

"It was amazing! Once I thought through my motives in a systematic way it was clear that I was really suited to working with people, and developing relationships, and working in a creative atmosphere.

"Having got that far, teaching presented itself as a realistic possibility."

Graham's next problem was that when he was a sixth-former he had vowed that the *one* thing he would never do was to go back to a secondary school and teach. So primary school teaching was the obvious outlet.

"It then became glaringly obvious this was the right thing for me," he said. "I wouldn't be tied to a narrow curriculum and the children wouldn't be as cynical as when they are in their teens.

"Everything pointed in that direction. Yet I still couldn't quite get over the fact that I was opting for something which three years earlier I would never have contemplated."

None the less, with his mind made up, Graham acted promptly. It was fortunate that he did. Despite the problems in teaching, the reduction in the number of teacher training places has meant that competition for postgraduate places is now quite tough.

To ease the stress, some colleges have introduced informal deadlines after which no more candidates will be considered. Without his being aware of it Graham's application just crept in before the cut-off date at his first choice institution.

"I got an interview shortly after sending in my application form and within a few weeks I was offered a place. In a way it all seemed very easy," he recalled.

In fact, the ease and speed of Graham's progress belied how demanding it was. Graham had read a tremendous amount about primary education before his interview and the depth and care with which he had researched his decision was clear evidence of his sincerity.

Moreover, his personal qualities and lively self-presentation suggested that he would have no difficulties in front of a classroom of seven-year-olds.

What was going to be more troublesome was the adaptation back to life as a student on a grant which was inevitably small by comparison with his salary from the bank – compounded by the fact that he would lose the preferential interest rate on his mortgage.

"I was just very lucky that my wife was in a reasonably well paid job and was prepared to make sacrifices while I was at college", he said. "If I'd been single I could never have done it."

Now in the middle of his training course Graham is thoroughly enjoying himself and is confident that the right decision has been taken.

'The last thing I did was to close my account'

He has faced the fact that the employment situation is difficult but he is prepared to go virtually anywhere in England to get a job – again he is fortunate to have a wife who is so co-operative!

He reckons that as a rare male in primary teaching, his promotion prospects are pretty good and this balances out his drop in earnings.

"I was mildly tempted to give the bank a bit longer but then it would have been increasingly difficult to make the break – especially if we'd had children".

And how did his erstwhile colleagues feel about his move into teaching? "I never told them what I was switching to. They asked me but I didn't want to tell them."

And what was the last thing he did in the bank? "I closed my account".

Graham would recommend others in a similar position:

- To review your feelings systematically
- To research carefully any career move
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